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*To your mother, and to my own of blessed memory, to whom we owe all that we are and to whose inspiration we are indebted for all we have tried to do, this book is dedicated.*



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## PREFACE



NO STATE in the union has produced a better or a higher type of womanhood than Iowa. From pioneer days until the present they have had a very helpful interest in the advancement of education, of the arts, of literature, of religious and moral training, in the great work of philanthropy and of social service in all of its phases. Some of them have been women of unusual talent and have a national reputation, and some have a world-wide reputation. To record the achievements of these exceptional women, and to make a permanent record of the lives and work of the women who within the State and in their own communities have given their service to the common good is the object of this book. It is not claimed that all the women deserving recognition are included in these pages, no book would be large enough to contain them all.

The labor involved in collecting and compiling this history has been far beyond our expectation, yet if we have added to the written history of our state, or if the lives herein recorded prove an inspiration to others, it will be compensation for all the labor it has cost.

In compiling this history of Iowa women, the first to be published in the state, we have been aided by many prominent women, by the Historical Dept. of Iowa and by the State Historical Society. We here give grateful acknowledgment of that aid.

WINONA EVANS REEVES.

"The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's  
Is not to fancy what were fair in life,  
Provided it could be,—but, finding first  
What may be, then find how to make it fair  
Up to our means: a very different thing."

—Robert Browning.



## MRS. GEORGE W. CLARKE

Mrs. George W. Clarke, the wife of the Governor of Iowa, was born at Adel, Jany. 16, 1857, her maiden name being Arletta Greene. She is the daughter of Benjamin Greene and Parmelia Catherine Sturges, who came to Adel in 1847 when there were only two or three families there. The settlement was called Penoach and later Mr. Greene gave the town the name Adel.

Mrs. Clarke was educated at the Oskaloosa College with the degree M. S. She was married on June 25, 1878, at Adel to George W. Clarke, a young attorney who had just graduated from the Law Dept. of the State University. Their home is still in Adel. He was a member of the Iowa legislature for four terms and was speaker of the house for two additional terms. He was elected Lieut. Governor in 1908, and in 1912 became Governor, and he is a very popular executive. Four children have been born to them: Fred Greene Clarke, Charles F. Clarke, Portia Clarke Van Meter and Francis Ada Clarke. Mrs. Clarke is a member of the Christian church and has been a Sunday school teacher and an active worker in the Missionary Society for many years. She is an interested club woman in her home town and in Des Moines where they reside a part of the year. She is a member of the Civic Service and Social Reform committee of the I. F. W. C. and is an earnest advocate of equal suffrage. She is a charming woman socially and in every way graces her position as the First Lady of the commonwealth.

## MRS. W. L. HARDING

Mrs. Carrie May Harding, the wife of W. L. Harding, Lieutenant Governor of Iowa, was born in Dunbarton, Wis., Nov. 17, 1879. She is the daughter of H. H. Lamareaux and Margaret Annetta Phoenix, both natives of Wyoming county, Penn. She received her education at Morningside College, Sioux City, having been graduated from that institution in music and expression. On Jan. 9, 1907, she was married at the home of her parents at Meriden, Ia., to W. L. Harding, an attorney by profession. Lieut. Gov. Harding is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Harding, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Osceola county, Iowa, in 1874, being among the early settlers of that part of the state. He was graduated from the law school of the State University of South Dakota, in 1905. He immediately opened a law office in Sioux City and is now the senior member of the firm of Harding & Oliver. He was elected Representative in 1906 and re-elected in 1908. When George W. Clarke was elected Governor of Iowa, he was elected to the office of Lieut. Gov. Since 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Harding have spent a part of the year in Des Moines. Mrs. Harding is a member of the Board of Directors of the Legislative Ladies' League, and has been both prominent and popular in the social life of the capital city. She is a charter member of the Sioux City Woman's Club. She is a home lover and does fine needlework and china painting, and has for a creed, "East or west, home's best."

## MRS. A. J. BARKLEY

Few women in the state are more widely known than Mrs. A. J. Barkley. The creed and policy of her life are embodied in this motto which is over the fireplace in the library of her home: "I shall pass this way but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

Flora E. Spencer was born in Rice county, Minn., Feb. 28, 1860. She is the daughter of Wilson Spencer and Caroline Beaver Goodykoontz. On her father's side her lineage is traced to a soldier of the war of 1812. Her mother is descended from the Beaver family of Pennsylvania, whose ancestors came from Alcase in 1740. The family were leaders in public affairs in the great commonwealth and have furnished "food for powder" in every war which America has waged since they became citizens of this country. In 1865 the Spencer family moved to Waukon, Ia., where the daughter was educated in the public schools, later taking a course in the Normal School of Valparaiso, Ind. She was a high school teacher for eight years, after having taught four years in the country graded schools.

On July 28, 1891, she was married to Alonzo J. Barkley, one of the organizers of the Boone county bank, and its president until he retired from business in 1911. Many distinguished guests have been graciously entertained in their home, whose doors swing wide, welcoming the rich and poor, who meet together to enjoy the hospitality. A nephew, Earl

Barkley Spencer, makes his home with them and is being carefully educated by them.

Mrs. Barkley is an active member of the M. E. church. She has taken a deep interest in the library work of the state, and was president of the State Library Association in 1907-08. It was largely through her influence that the 28th General Assembly passed a law providing for the establishment of a State Library Commission. She is now a member of that commission, having been appointed by the Governor. She has been a member of the Library Board of the Erieson Public Library of Boone since 1898, and upon the death of its founder, Senator Erieson, she became president of the Board. She is chairman of the Literature and Library Extension Committee of the I. F. W. C. She has served the I. F. W. C. as vice-president and has represented the state at four general federations. She is a member of the board of the Eleanor Moore hospital. She was the first president of the city federation of Women's Clubs and has served De Shon chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution as its regent, and represented the chapter in the National Congress in 1913. She was a charter member of the Lowell club which was one of the first clubs to join the I. F. W. C. She has had a great interest in and influence upon the public schools and has taken a personal interest in many pupils who needed aid and encouragement. The tremendous energy and systematic efforts of this unselfish woman have enabled her to accomplish something worth while without neglecting her home duties.

## MRS. CYNTHIA WESTOVER ALDEN

Iowa is proud to claim "The Sunshine Lady," Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President General of the International Sunshine Society. Born in Afton in 1862, the daughter of Oliver S. and Lucinda Lewis Westover. When a child her parents moved to Colorado. She was graduated in the first class of the State University at Boulder. For years she was one of the best known newspaper women in the United States, one of the few holding the degree Master of Literature. While she was one of the editors of the Daily New York Recorder, she organized half in jest, "The Sunshine Society" among those connected with that publication. There were eighteen who promised "To do the thing that was needed whenever it was needed, whether it was a little or a big one," and to pass on any article in their possession, not needed, but might be of use to another. There are now over 3000 organized branches with 300,000 members. Headquarters are at 96 Fifth Ave., New York. With the growth of the society Mrs. Alden gave up her newspaper work and with it a yearly salary of \$5,000. For ten years she was on the staff of the Ladies Home Journal and through it made the Sunshine Society known to the world. The society has done every sort of work imaginable—founded schools, playgrounds, nurseries, clothed the naked, helped the sick, buried the dead. Mrs. Alden thinks their greatest work is the homes established for blind babies and the campaign to prevent infant blindness. This work was inaugurated by them and is now far reaching in its scope. No letter from a troubled heart—rich or poor—ever failed to receive a reply from the Sunshine Lady.

## MRS. HELEN READ ANDREW

A woman of broad culture and a gentle woman of the highest type is Mrs. Helen Read Andrew of Ottumwa. She was born in Byron, Ill., Jan. 17, 1844, the oldest daughter of Lucius and Emily Read who came from Vermont to Illinois when the state was considered on the far frontier. She graduated from Wheaton College in 1863, having had unusual educational advantages for the time. She is the widow of Archibald Andrew and has one son, Lucius A. Andrew, who is president of the Citizens' Saving Bank of Ottumwa. She taught school after her husband's death in Illinois and Wisconsin for twenty years and was interested in newspaper work for ten years. She has always been a woman of keen thought and a great reader. She keeps abreast of the times and is much interested in the advancement of women. She believes sincerely in the justice of equal suffrage. She has been prominent in the State W. C. T. U. work; for five years she was press superintendent and later district president. For thirty years she has been a club woman; for several terms she was president of the Ottumwa Woman's Club, treasurer of the City Federation of Clubs, president of the Bay View Club and of the Union Bible Class. As president of the Visiting Nurse Association she has directed a splendid work for Ottumwa's dependent classes. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and devoted to its interests in the Sunday school and missionary work. She has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe.

Mrs. Andrew has always been a woman of vision, who saw possibilities of human advancement and uplift and has done her part to make real her vision.

## MRS. ALICE BIRD BABB

Alice Bird was born in Mt. Pleasant, Ia., May 8, 1850. Her father, Dr. Wellington Bird, was a leading physician of Southeastern Iowa from 1849 to his death in 1897. Her mother, Sarah Thornton, descended from one of the leading families of Bloomsbury, Penn. She received her education in the public schools, in Howe's Academy and in the Iowa Wesleyan University from which she graduated with honors in 1869. She was immediately elected principal of the high school and took high rank as a teacher. In 1872 she was elected to a professorship in the I. W. U., at the end of the year she resigned and was married on Oct. 8, 1873, to Judge W. I. Babb, then a young lawyer at that place. Four children were born to them, Max Wellington, born July 28, 1874, who is vice-president and general attorney of the Allin Chalmers Manufacturing Co. of Milwaukee. Miles Thornton, born Feb. 27, 1878, is a successful business man representing the Western Wheel Scraper Co., and other corporations at Kansas City. Clara Belle, born Feb. 16, 1883, died when seven years of age, and Alice, born March 29, 1887, still remains at home. Mrs. Babb's children have ever been her greatest joy and pride. It was her guiding hand and her loving, sympathetic, counsel which fashioned their lives which today reflect honor upon her. Mrs. Babb has a bright, vigorous, versatile mind and a keen appreciation of everything beautiful in life and in nature. She has a peculiar sympathy which has rendered much of her life devoted to the service of others and makes her an ideal wife, mother and friend. She has rare literary and dramatic talent and is a delightful platform speaker. Had it not been

for the charm of her home life and her devotion to it, she might have had a brilliant career as a lecturer. She has always been in demand as a speaker and has captivated many audiences with her wit and with her scholarly presentation of her theme. For twenty years she had charge of the annual class plays given by the seniors in the Iowa Wesleyan University and only gave it up upon their removal to Aurora, Ill., in 1906. On July 21, 1869, Alice Bird, Mary Allen, Hattie Briggs, Alice Coffin, Franc Roads, Suella Pearson and Ella Stewart, seven congenial girls in the Iowa Wesleyan University, met in the music room of the main building and organized the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Allie Bird wrote the constitution and was the first to take the oath and was the first president serving for three successive years. During the thirty-seven years she afterward lived in Iowa she was an earnest and enthusiastic worker in Chapter Original A. When chapter A celebrated the thirty-third anniversary they presented Mrs. Babb a handsome star, the emblem of the sisterhood, richly studded with diamonds, in recognition of her great service. The P. E. O. sisterhood today has a membership of 22,000, with chapters in 27 states, in the District of Columbia and in British Columbia. Its membership is made up of a high type of women, the standard of culture having been set by the seven college girls. The principles embodied in the first constitution written by Mrs. Babb remain unchanged today. When the growth of the sisterhood made necessary State Grand Chapters and a Supreme Chapter, Mrs. Babb was chairman of the committee to formulate the laws governing them. She is held in highest honor and love by this great body of women.



## DR. MARGARET V. CLARK

Dr. Margaret Vampel Clark of Waterloo, was born at Pleasant Ridge, Lee county, Iowa. She is the daughter of John Christian Vampel and Clara Sandganger. She received her early education in the public and private schools, receiving her classical education in the University of Wisconsin. Her professional education was received at the Woman's Medical College of New York Infirmary, and Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. She took post-graduate work in London, Berlin and Vienna. She was ever an ambitious and conscientious student, and as a result is a woman of broad education, as well as having unusual professional knowledge and skill.

In 1886 she was married at Humboldt, Ia., to Dr. G. Hardy Clark, who is a very successful practitioner. She is a member of the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society, the Public Health Com. of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Public Health Com. of the I. F. W. C. She is medical director of the baby health contests and compiled the grade cards for the contests, which cards received the approval of the National Medical Association and are used in the contests in many states. She is a member of the Public Library Board of Waterloo, of the State Association of Charities and Correction, of the W. C. T. U., the Waterloo Political Equality Club, the Iowa Woman's Professional League, the Audubon Society, is chairman of the local Civic Club and is a devoted church woman, being on its Board of Trustees. Through the lives and by the efforts of such busy, able women as Dr. Clark, do the agencies for the betterment of society, the raising of health and moral standards of the race move toward accomplishment.

## MRS. MATILDA A. VON SCHMIDT ARP

Matilda Anna von Schmidt is the daughter of John and Anna Elizabeth Lenz von Schmidt, both of whom were born in Germany and met for the first time on board the ship which brought them to America. She attended school until sixteen years of age when her father died, leaving her mother with eight children. She began to help her mother in the support of the family by conducting a millinery store, and the brave spirit of the girl was manifested in the success of the undertaking. On Oct. 31, 1884, she was married to Mr. Arp in Denison. Two children have been born to them, Myrtle Wilhelmina, the wife of Dr. H. T. Kennedy, of Pierre, S. D. She is a graduate of the Chicago Musical College and took post-graduate work in Boston. Esther Anna, the second daughter, is a student at the State University of South Dakota. Mrs. Arp has always been an active worker in the church and Sunday school, and is a warm advocate of study classes and clubs for women. When she moved to Sioux City in 1910 she found no Woman's Club. She advocated its organization for several months and then invited a few women to a parlor meeting at her home from which the Sioux City Women's Club was organized on Nov. 25, 1911, having in its membership some of the brightest women in that city. Mrs. Arp is a member of the Equal Suffrage Club and an earnest advocate of its principles. Her life has been saddened by the tragic death of her brother, the Rev. Lewis J. Schmidt, a man of great ability and usefulness in the world. She has two brothers, Charles and John Schmidt, living in Manning, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Behrens, living in South Dakota.

## MRS. LUCIUS A. ANDREW

Hazel Summerwill Andrew, the daughter of Wm. James and Florence Slemmons Summerwill, was born in Prairie City, Nov. 1, 1876. Her father's ancestors came from England and he was born in Kingston, Canada. Her mother was the oldest daughter of Benjamin and Rhuhemia Slemmons, who came from Ohio and were among the early settlers of Iowa near Eddyville. Mr. and Mrs. Summerwill went to Northern Iowa in its early development period and took up their residence in Odebolt, where for many years he was a prominent business man and banker, a man of highest integrity, and sound business judgment. Mrs. Summerwill was a charming woman of many social graces and a warm steadfast friend. They had three children, Hazel, who is now Mrs. Andrew, Ben S. Summerwill, who is a lumber dealer in Canton, S. D., and Miss Katherine Summerwill of Ottumwa.

Mrs. Andrew was educated in the public schools and in the Ohio Wesleyan University. She was married in Newton, June 8, 1894, to Lucius A. Andrew, who is president of the Citizens' Savings Bank of Ottumwa. Two children have been born to them, a daughter who died in infancy and a son, Lucius A. Andrew, Jr., who was born in 1908. Mrs. Andrew is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Ottumwa Woman's Club, which she has served several years as treasurer and is chairman of the Domestic Science department. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and of the Country Club. She has traveled extensively in this country and in Canada. She presides over a beautiful home on Prairie Ave., and finds there her highest pleasure.

## MRS. DAVID CRAWFORD BROCKMAN

Mrs. Lucy Nottingham Warden Brockman was born in Ottumwa, Aug. 29, 1868, and has lived there all her life. Her father was Dr. Charles Warden whose ancestors as far back as colonial days lived in Virginia and Kentucky; they were slave holders and had tobacco plantations. Dr. Warden was educated in the Medical College at Cincinnati, coming to Wapello county in 1843 and was the first practicing physician in that county. He was for years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Agricultural College at Ames.

Mrs. Brockman's mother was Martha Williams. Her father, Washington Williams, crossed from Ohio to Oregon in a wagon with a short stay in Ottumwa where his daughter and Dr. Warden were married on June 13, 1846. For twenty years before her marriage, Mrs. Brockman was a teacher in the public schools of Ottumwa, for the greater part of the time was principal of the Lincoln building. She was married Feby. 2, 1910, to Dr. David C. Brockman, a surgeon who is well known throughout the State, having a wide practice. She is a member of the Episcopal church. She is vice-president of the Play-ground and Recreation Association, and has had an active part in the establishment of public play grounds. She has done a great deal of archeological research and has a large collection of Indian curios, many of them she gathered on long tramps in Wapello and Van Buren counties. She is versed in bird lore and is an enthusiastic botanist. She has a special talent for painting and drawing, especially in water colors and in designs for china painting.

## MRS. DRAYTON W. BUSHNELL

Among the Iowa women well known not only in her own state, but throughout the nation is Mrs. Drayton W. Bushnell of Council Bluffs, than whom few women have done more to promote the best and highest interests of the Daughters of the American Revolution. At the twenty-third congress of the national society she was elected to the life office of Hon. Vice President General in recognition of her meritorious work. Sophia Walker Hyndshaw Bushnell was born in Henry, Ill., and is the daughter of Silas Condict Hyndshaw and Elizabeth Walker, who were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1858, later moving to Norwood Park, a Chicago suburb. Mrs. Bushnell was educated at Monticello, having taken a four years course in this well known school. In 1878 she was married to Drayton Wilson Bushnell, going to Council Bluffs, which has since been their home. Mr. Bushnell served in the Civil War, having enlisted at the age of seventeen and served for nearly four years. He enlisted in the famous Crocker brigade. He is always in attendance at the reunions of the Crocker Brigade and has for years been corresponding secretary of the organization.

In 1897 Mrs. Bushnell joined the Council Bluffs chapter D. A. R., as a charter member, and has been on its Board of Management since the organization. For three years she was chapter regent. She was for two years Historian of the Iowa society D. A. R., and State Vice Regent for one year. She was Vice-Pres. General of the National Society for four years, and in April, 1914, was elected Hon. Vice-Pres. Gen'l. for life. She

is a member of the Colonial Dames, the Huguenot society, the Society of Founders and Patriots, and the United States Daughters of 1812. Her line of ancestry through her father embraces many prominent New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England names. Her father was named for the Hon. Silas Condict of New Jersey, who was a member of the first Continental Congress and speaker of the House. Mrs. Bushnell's great-great-grandfather, Capt. James Hyndshaw, was a distinguished soldier in the French and Indian wars, a fort near the Delaware Water-gap having been named for him in recognition of his service. Mrs. Bushnell's mother, Elizabeth Walker, of Ohio, traces her lineage to the Walkers, Fosters, Hicks and Millers of Maryland, and to the Wiltsees and other Dutch families of New York.

When Mrs. Bushnell was elected Vice-President General from Iowa she suggested to the Daughters of Iowa that they furnish a room in Continental Hall, which they did. She was chosen chairman of the committee and largely through her efforts the Iowa room was furnished. In recognition of her service to Iowa, the Council Bluffs chapter had her name placed on the Roll of Honor Book in Continental Hall. Mrs. Bushnell is a woman of charming personality, quite unspoiled by all the honor that has come to her. Her motives are always of the loftiest and she is loved in her home city, the state, and in the national society.

## MRS. W. E. BLAKE

Susan Elizabeth Safley Blake, wife of the widely known attorney, W. E. Blake, was born in Waterford, N. Y., April 23, 1845. Her father was Thomas Safley, and her mother, Henrietta Fenwick, who died, when her daughter was only six years old. In 1853 her father with his family came to Linn county, Iowa. All three of Mrs. Blake's brothers served in the Civil War. Dr. A. F. Safley enlisted in New York, Alexander F. Safley in a Colorado Regiment and won from the Indians the name "Brave White Chief" because of his bravery. Maj. John J. Safley enlisted in the 13th regiment at Davenport which was a part of the Iowa Crocker Brigade.

She was married to W. E. Blake, Nov. 4, 1903. He has practiced law in Burlington since 1869. He has been an elder in the First Presbyterian church for over forty years and was superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-five years. He was a member of the Board of Education for twelve years, being president for eleven years. Mrs. Blake belongs to most of the clubs and associations in Burlington which are worth while, among them the Musical Club, the King's Daughters, the Y. W. C. A., the Visiting Nurse Association, the Red Cross society, the Humane society, the Hospital Aid and her church organizations. To all these she gives very helpful support. She has lived in Burlington for forty-one years and through all that time has had a part in the best life of the city. She has seen the city grow and improve in these years until it seems transformed, very few of the old land marks being left.

## DR. KATE STEVENS HARPEL

Kate Stevens Harpel born Oct. 22, 1867 near Springfield, Ill., is the daughter of Asher M. Stevens and Johanna Chelsey who came to Cerro Gordo county, Ia., in 1868 and settled on a farm which is still in the possession of the family. Her paternal grandmother, Julia Kellog, was a granddaughter of Eliphalet Kellog, an officer in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Stevens died in 1878 leaving a family of seven children, the daughter Kate, with an elder sister, did the house work and attended district school.

At the age of 15 she went to Mason City, where in two years she completed a four years course, working for her board and expenses, graduated at the head of her class. She taught in the Mason City schools until 1887 when she entered the Iowa State College, having saved sufficient money to cover a year's expenses. The other three years she taught during the winter and acted as assistant librarian at the college. She received the degree of Bachelor of Letters, 1890, ranking second in a class of forty-four. For one year she was principal of the Webster City High School. In July, 1892, she was married to Llewellyn V. Harpel, a successful lawyer of Perry, where they lived until 1903, when they moved to Boone, their present home. For three years she was a member of the school board in Perry. She studied medicine in Drake University, receiving her degree in 1903, since which time she has been a successful practitioner. Her only son, Gates Harpel, was born in 1893. She is in religious belief a Universalist and is an efficient club woman. Through her life no difficulty has ever daunted her; through courage and native ability she has come to success in all she has undertaken.



## ANNIE TURNER WITTENMYER

One of the greatest heroines of the Civil War, of whom General Grant said "No soldier on the firing line gave more heroic service than she rendered," was an Iowa woman. Annie Turner Wittenmyer was born in Sandy Springs, Ohio, in 1827. Her husband was Wm. Wittenmyer, a merchant. They moved to Keokuk in 1850, where she conducted a free school at her own expense. In 1862 she was appointed by the Iowa legislature, State Sanitary Agent. Secretary Stanton issued a pass which admitted her and her supplies through all army lines. Over \$150,000 in Iowa alone passed through her hands in money and supplies. Later she entered the service of the Christian Commission, having charge of the diet kitchen; the first one opened was in Nashville. She raised the hygienic excellence of these kitchens to a higher grade than had then been known in military life. Until the winter of 1865 she constantly cared for the sick and wounded on the field and in the hospitals.

Through her influence the soldiers' Orphans Home in Davenport was established, the first of its kind in the United States. She was National President of the W. R. C. and practically wrote its code of laws. She was first national president of the W. C. T. U. She inaugurated the plan under which the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church operates. Largely through her influence the federal law pensioning army nurses was passed. She was the author of "Under the Guns, a Woman's Reminiscences of the Civil War," and other books. President Lincoln, General and Mrs. Grant, were personal friends.

She died Feb. 2, 1900, having in her life rendered public service of a very high order.

## MRS. E. F. BROCKWAY

A village in one of the garden spots of Iowa bears the name Letts. To many of its residents the name recalls a train of golden memories of the pioneer, Madison Letts, for love of whom the people changed the name of their village from Onanawa to Letts. From the tower of the church where his descendants still worship, a sweet toned bell, the gift of appreciation for the honor bestowed, still calls the people to worship. In 1854 the Letts family journeyed westward from their Illinois home and established here the "Letts Homestead." Here it was that Rowena B. Letts spent her girlhood days and here in 1860 was married to Edwin F. Brockway of Canesville, a descendant of an honored pioneer family. All the sterling characteristics of the pioneer father and the lovable traits of a refined mother seem to have centered in the personality of Mrs. Brockway. She glorified womanhood in its highest degree and the influence she created in her home, church and society, still lives to honor her memory. Hers was a keen intellect and her father, husband and son, who have aided in shaping Iowa's laws and destinies found in her a helpful advisor. She was a loyal member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of the Nehemiah Letts chapter. A history of this Revolutionary ancestor was written by her and published in the history of the Iowa D. A. R's.

The later years of her life were spent at the "Letts Homestead," where she dispensed hospitality and good cheer until her death in September, 1912. The world was better for having known her.

## MISS MINNETTE ELEANOR BROWN

Minnette Eleanor Brown is the daughter of Dr. Lafayette and Angeline Loretta King Brown. Her father's ancestors came from England in the early days of the country's history and settled in New York, and in later years came to Wisconsin where the family was prominent in a political and educational way. Dr. Lafayette Brown who died in 1912, was a gentleman of the old school, a scholarly man along many lines. Mrs. Brown's parents came in pioneer days to Hamilton, Ill., where their influence was felt in a marked degree on Methodism.

Miss Brown has had many advantages of education, travel and association with gifted people. She received her higher education in Drake University and in the Chicago University. She is an Episcopalian and an exemplary church woman. She is president of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's church and an associate editor of *Church Life*, the parish paper. She is talented to an unusual degree along many lines. She has a historical and technical knowledge of music, she lectures delightfully on literary topics, she reads and interprets literature as a professional, she has done a great deal of journalistic work and writes with a charming style. For ten years the family lived in Chicago where she belonged to the Every Wednesday Club. During her residence in Keokuk she has been interested in all that tends to civic and social betterment. She is a member of the Y. W. C. A. Directorate, an officer in the Monday Music Club, a member of the Civic League, the Mentor Reading Club and the Benevolent Union, a charity organization. She is eligible to the D. A. R. and to the Colonial Dames.

## MRS. ADDIE B. BILLINGTON

Helen Adelaide Bonnell Billington inherited mental activity and refined gentility from parents of noted ancestry. She received her early education in the schools of Wisconsin and Indiana and finished school in a seminary on the Mt. Holyoke plan. She says the public library was her university. She was a successful teacher as preceptress in the German-English Normal School at Galena, Ill., and as Dean of Women in Coe College. On Dec. 22, 1873, she was married to T. E. Billington and lived in Marion. In 1882 she accepted a secretaryship in the Department of Public Instruction in Des Moines, which position she held many years. She has marked journalistic ability and has contributed articles to Chicago papers, Eastern magazines, conducted for two years "The Ladies' Social Circle" in the Burlington Hawkeye, has been on the editorial staff of the Des Moines Capital. For the Register-Leader she wrote a series of sketches "Women Whom Iowa Delights to Honor," a portraiture of Iowa home life such as had never appeared in print before. She has always been active in church and temperance work. She held membership in the Social Science club of Chicago and was one of the five Iowa members of the Association for the Advancement of Women which met in Des Moines in 1886. She was one of the founders of the Des Moines Woman's Club and is honored with a life membership. She was president of the Iowa Press and Author's Club in 1907-'08, is a member of Abigail Adams chapter D. A. R. She is a woman of unusual ability and she herself is a "Woman whom Iowa Delights to Honor."

## MRS. WILLIAM A. BROWNELL

Mary Higbie Brownell was born in Penfield, N. Y., March 15, 1841. She is the daughter of Silas Higbie, born in Duansbery, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1810, and of Hester A. Ross born at Penfield, May 13, 1820. Her father was of Holland ancestry, Aneke Jans, of Old Trinity church in New York was an ancestor. Her mother was of fine Scotch ancestry. Mrs. Brownell was educated in the Tracy Female Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. She was married in Penfield, February 13, 1861, to William Augustus Brownell who died in Keokuk, Feb. 20, 1901. They came to Muscatine, Iowa, to live, later moving to Keokuk where Mr. Brownell was associated with his brothers in the Keokuk National Bank. Seven children were born to them, four of whom lived to be grown. Ralph Brooks died at the age of 33 years; Edwin Higbie living in Beverly, Wash.; Francis Raymond and Marion Harold both living in Hailey, Idaho. These sons have been a great comfort and joy to their mother. At the age of 13 she united with the Baptist church, but after her marriage, with her husband united with the Congregational church of which she is a devoted member. She is a member of the Keokuk Chapter D. A. R., of which she has been regent. She was a charter member of the Woman's Club and treasurer for many years. She belongs to the Civic League, the Y. W. C. A., the Wednesday Reading Club, the Art Club and church societies, having a helpful interest in all of them. It was Emerson who said "The only way to have a friend is to be one." Mrs. Brownell has hosts of friends who are devoted to her. She is a patrician by birth and in all her tastes, she is fond of society and brings to it a gracious, charming presence.

## MRS. JOHNATHAN P. DOLLIVER

Louise Pearsons Dolliver was born in Vermont and came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Pearsons to Ft. Dodge when she was but two years old. That city has been her home ever since except for the time spent in Washington during the public life of her husband. She received her education at Wellesley College, being graduated in the class of 1889. She was married Nov. 20, 1895, to Johnathan P. Dolliver, who was then Congressman from the 10th District. From the time of their marriage until 1910 when Senator Dolliver died, their home for the greater part of the year was in Washington. They have three children, Margaret Eliza, born in 1900, Francis, born in 1901, and Johnathan Prentiss, born in 1905.

Mrs. Dolliver is eligible to almost all patriotic societies; she is a descendant of the Colonial governors, has ancestors who fought in the Revolution, the Mexican War and the war of 1812. She is interested in historical societies and is an advocate of the co-operation of historical and patriotic societies. Her uncle, Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, who gave millions of dollars to endow small colleges had a very efficient helper in Mrs. Dolliver in the selecting of colleges most worthy. During the long service of her gifted husband in Congress and in U. S. Senate, Mrs. Dolliver was one of the most popular women in Washington society. She was a most gracious hostess and a woman with every qualification for the social duties which came with her husband's position. Johnathan P. Dolliver was one of the men of whom Iowa is very proud; he possessed unusual native ability, was a great statesman, an incomparable orator, and a man of the highest personal integrity.

## MRS. RANDOLPH S. BEALL

Martha Stahl was born Aug. 11, 1862, the daughter of Michael and Mary Talley Stahl who came to Ringgold county in 1856, locating on a farm bought from the government which is still in Mr. Stahl's possession. She was graduated in 1888 from Simpson College and has the degrees of B. S. and M. S., later taking post graduate work in the Chicago University. For nine years she was professor of Latin in Simpson College. On August 25, 1904, she was married to Randolph S. Beall of Mt. Ayr. She is an active member of the M. E. church and for several years has been secretary of the Des Moines Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. In 1912 she was a delegate to the General Conference, being the only woman delegate from the district comprising Iowa and Nebraska. She is president of the Monday Club and of the Village Improvement Association. She organized and was for several years president of the Mt. Ayr Lecture Course Association. She has travelled in this country and in Europe. A sister, Miss Josephine Stahl, has for twenty years been a missionary in India and Burma, and was the heroine of the Darjeeling disaster in 1897. Mrs. Beall's family in all of its branches are devoted members of the M. E. church. Her father was a member of the first class organized in the county and for several years his home was used for religious services since there were no churches of that faith near. Of his nineteen living children and grandchildren all are members of that church and fifteen of them have been educated in Simpson College.

## HELEN MANVILLE HENSHAW

Helen Manville Henshaw, author and secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, the only child of Edwin and Helen Hinman Henshaw, was born April 5, 1876, at Clarinda, Iowa, died at Des Moines, July 11, 1908. Her father and mother are descendants of early New England patriots of English origin dating back in clear line on her father's side, to the family of Henry VII, and on her mother's side, to Sir Edward Hinman, an officer in the body guard of Charles I.

After preparation at Miss Clarke's School, Des Moines, and at Stanley Hall, Minneapolis, Miss Henshaw spent four years at Vassar College, receiving her A. B. degree in 1900. The next five years she was at home, dividing her time among social interests, study, and volunteer service in the local Y. W. C. A., and the State Committee of Iowa. So splendidly did she perform these volunteer duties that she was called the most efficient worker of this kind in the United States. In 1905, she became Student Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for Iowa, and continued so to serve until her death.

As secretary she revealed marked adaptability. Her academic training, social charm, beautiful home life, and depth of religious life, combined to make her an unusual secretary. Her executive services and her effectiveness as a public speaker ranked her among leading Y. W. C. A. secretaries.

These things, however, were not the measure of her greatness. It was in dealing with the personal problems in religious matters, that the student women of Iowa found Helen Henshaw an evangel. Wholesome, well poised, experienced, she won instinctive trust;



sympathy and spontaneous love for young women made her a dear personal friend, a wise counselor.

From the thick of the struggle for advancement comes the book with a message. There were in Miss Henshaw's life and work numbers of vital incidents, striking examples of character development, evidences of the joy and power of applied Christianity. Little wonder that conclusions from such combinations were expressed in book form. From snatches of time she wrote, completing but a few weeks before her last illness her only draft of "The Passing of the Word," a novel that has done splendid part in meeting some of the questions of modern doubt and in bringing scores to a Christian life.

In the summer of 1905, Miss Henshaw, in company with Miss Ruth Paxson, now National Student Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for China, attended the World's Student Christian Federation in Zeist, Holland, and afterwards visited extensively in Europe. A rare Christian friendship united these two girls. Upon Helen's death, Ruth gave sincere expression of a devoted heart in a matchless memorial booklet.

Near the close of her work she was tendered the secretaryship of the Vassar College Christian Association in Tokio, Japan, but refused to accept the honor on account of the declining years of her parents. To be from home and her mother, as duty demanded, was grievous hardship, but to return after even the briefest absence was gladness unalloyed. Her generous fund of quaint humor was a well spring of joy in the home. One who never saw Miss Henshaw with her family failed in estimating her character, for here her being yielded its most natural fruitage.

The Proteus Club, Des Moines, of which Miss Hen-

shaw was a constituent member, memorialized her by hanging four choice copies of the old masters, on the walls of the Y. W. C. A. building. Her sympathies were with all activities advancing the cause of women. For equal suffrage she always stood firm. Hers was a rare soul, capable, unassuming, cheerful, heroic, adherent to every standard of truth and nobleness. In her passing, thousands of the young women of our land had common grief, but they have also abiding forever the uplifting power of her gracious Christian life.

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## MRS. GEORGE MARTIN KERNS

Mrs. Leona Gertrude Kerns was born in Towanda, Ill., in 1878, the daughter of John A. Miller and Alice Salina Chaney. She was educated in the Illinois Wesleyan University B. S., a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. On April 24, 1906, at Bloomington, Ill., she was married to George M. Kerns, an architect of Ottumwa, which city is their home. She is prominent in society and in club life. She is a member of the Art Club, Tourist Club and Fortnightly Club. She has served the Art Club as president and has been secretary of the other two. She is a member of the Play Ground Association and of two social clubs. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and believes in Equal Suffrage.

## MRS. EDWARD READ BURKHALTER

Lucy Anna Denise was born in Franklin, Ohio, Jany. 18, 1847. She is the daughter of Denise Denise and Mary Elizabeth Schenk Denise who in 1847 moved to Burlington, Ia., where they were honored residents and pillars in the First Presbyterian Church the remainder of their lives.

An ancestor founded the old "Log College," which afterwards became Princeton University. She was married on July 12, 1870, to the Rev. Edward Read Burkhalter, of New York City, and moved to New Rochelle, N. Y. Four children were born to them, Lucy, Denise, Mary and Louis D. In October, 1876, the family moved to Cedar Rapids, where Dr. Burkhalter became pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Burkhalter was president of the local W. C. T. U. for many years and has held office in the State organization. She has been president of the City Missionary Society which founded and maintained an institution known as The Helping Hand, which aided women of the poorer classes by teaching them practical lessons along many lines. Mrs. Burkhalter has had many advantages of travel, having been in almost every state in the Union, has traveled through Europe and in the countries around the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Red Seas. Her life is one of practical service; she has sought to bring the kingdom of God to the earth right where she lived and follows closely the precept of Him "who went about doing good."

## MRS. JOHN ALEXANDER BERRY

Jennie Iowa Peet, born Feby. 5, 1866, in Fairview, Ia., is the daughter of Wilbur Riley and Sarah Ellen Gillilan Peet, both of Revolutionary descent. Her mother was a native of West Virginia and her father was born in Iowa territory. She was educated in the public schools and in the Epworth Seminary. For seven years after graduating she taught in the public schools. On July 7, 1887, at Troy Mills she was married to John Alexander Berry. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Home Missionary and the Chapel Society connected with it. Mrs. Berry is one of the leading patriotic women of this state. She has held almost every local office and state office in the Woman's Relief Corps which is an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. She has served this organization as the National President in 1909-1910. When we remember that the organization has a membership of 167,000 we appreciate the honor which was given Mrs. Berry. She is now a member of the committee on revision of national law and is president of "The Past Department President's Association." She is regent of Ashley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She was for three years president of the Cedar Rapids Woman's Club and has been chairman of several of its departments. She has served the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs as corresponding secretary and been chairman of several state committees. She was a prominent factor in securing the passage of a law for the appointment of a woman factory inspector to better labor conditions. She has contributed many articles to patriotic publications and has done a great deal to promote patriotic education in this state.

## MRS. JOHN B. BUTLER

Prominent among the women in Ft. Dodge in clubs and in society is Mrs. John B. Butler. Her maiden name was Mary Ida Rhodes, born June 14, 1862, in Webster county. Her parents, Daniel and Margaret Ann Willetts Rhodes, came in the early days by covered wagon from Indiana to Webster county where they had a large part in the progress and development of that part of the state. She received her education in the Fort Dodge High School and in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. For eight years she followed the profession of teaching. She was married on Nov. 3, 1887, to John B. Butler, at Kendallville, Ind. They have four children, Harry, Margaret K., John B. and Elizabeth Rhodes. She is affiliated with the Congregational church and is active in all of its branches of work. She is president of the local chapter of P. E. O. and has been their representative at both state and national conventions. She is an officer in the Fort Dodge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Her lineage comes from Frederick Rhodes who came to America from Germany and fought in the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. She has visited every great exposition given in this country except the Centennial, and saw the Paris Exposition. They have a beautiful home in Ft. Dodge and a cottage at Lake Okoboji where they spend their summers.

## MRS. EUGENE S. BAKER

Mary Cochran Baker of Keokuk, is the daughter of Isaac K. and Elizabeth Stark Cochran, the father a native of Tennessee, and the mother of Kentucky. Mrs. Cochran was a great great grand daughter of Col. Wm. Stark, brother of Gen. John Stark of Revolutionary fame. The family moved to Keokuk in Mrs. Baker's infancy. She received her education in Williams Seminary and in private schools before the public schools gained their present efficiency. She was married June 17, 1874, to Eugene S. Baker, the son of Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Baker. Three sons have been born to them, Eugene Ross, Jesse Edgar, and Myrle Fitch, all of whom are splendid young men, a joy and pride to their mother. Mr. Baker has large business interests; he is president of the Keokuk National Bank, the senior member of the firm of S. F. Baker & Co., a business established by his father, and has many other business interests. Mrs. Baker, since her childhood, has been a member of the First Baptist church of which she is a regular attendant and a constant worker. She has many charity interests; she was a charter member of the Benevolent Union and has held every office in the association. She is vice president of the Visiting Nurse Association, a director in the Civic League and a member of a number of prominent literary and social clubs. She has traveled all over America from Alaska to Cuba and Mexico and has visited almost every country in Europe. Her greatest pleasure is in her beautiful home, Cor. of 4th street and Orleans Ave., overlooking the Mississippi, one of the most beautiful scenic spots in Iowa.

## MISS FLORA DUNLAP

"Let me live in a house by the side of a road,  
Where the race of men go by—  
The men who are good and the men who are bad,  
As good and as bad as I.  
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,  
Or hurl the cynic's ban—  
Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man."

A wish to help, was the object which prompted the establishment of the Roadside Settlement House in Des Moines, than which there is no more helpful institution in all the state. For the past ten years Miss Flora Dunlap has been head resident and in that time the settlement has grown from a small struggling organization to one of the most prominent and best equipped in the State. The Roadside Settlement House was opened in September, 1896, under the auspices of the Des Moines Union of Kings Daughters. Later the management was vested in a settlement association with a Board of Directors composed of men and women prominent in business, social and professional life in Des Moines. In 1905 the present house was erected in an industrial neighborhood known as the Southeast Bottoms. The building contains an equipment for public baths, a public wash house, a gymnasium, assembly hall, library, day nursery, cooking and manual training rooms, club rooms and rooms for resident workers. In 1913 a cottage next door to the main building was fitted up as a model cottage, the furnishings being simple and of the kind any young people in the neighborhood might purchase in the establishment of a home. In this cottage lessons in

housekeeping and housewifely arts are taught.

The settlement is entirely non-sectarian and is open seven days in the week. It is a social and civic center and the best proof of its usefulness is the number of people of all ages who go in and out of its doors every day. Young people find here wholesome recreation and instruction. The people helped are for the greater part, hard working people, earning small wages, trying to raise their families decently and honestly. There are no parks in this neighborhood or recreation grounds of any sort. Very few have much money to spend for pleasure and that is why this building means so much to them. Here they come for books, for amusements, for employment and above all for fellowship and sympathy without which life were a dreary place indeed. In a large measure the genius which makes this work effective is the head resident, Miss Flora Dunlap, who did volunteer work in Kingsley House, Pittsburg, Goodrich House, Cleveland, and at Hull House, before taking charge of this settlement. Besides this work she is vice-president of the Des Moines School Board, the first woman elected to that body. She is president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association and has done much to carry forward the dignified campaign in this State for equal suffrage. She represents Iowa on the Board of the National Suffrage Association. She is a member of the National Child Labor Committee, the National Trade Woman's League, and of the National Settlement Association. She is a woman of a great heart and a keen mind—a combination which always accomplishes great things.



## MRS. DIXIE CORNELL GEBHARDT

Mrs. Dixie May Cornell Gebhardt, was born Nov. 18, 1866, in Knoxville, the daughter of Dr. Riley Norman Cornell, born Sept. 11, 1824, in New York state, married Oct. 8, 1847, to Mary Fletcher Timmonds, who was born in Kentucky, Aug. 1, 1827. They came to Knoxville, Ia., March, 1850, where Mrs. Cornell died March 2, 1900, and Dr. Cornell, April 10, 1912, at the age of 87 years. He was a graduate, with honors, of the Geneva Medical College, New York. He was assistant surgeon of the 23rd regiment of Iowa troops and surgeon of the 40th regiment during the Civil War. He was for sixty-five years a member of the Masonic Order, a man who brought honor to the State.

The daughter was christened Dixie, in memory of her mother's southern home. She was educated in the public schools of Knoxville and in the Visitation Convent of Evanston, Ill. On June 27, 1900, she was married to George Tullis Gebhardt, at Knoxville. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, has served the P. E. O. sisterhood as its national recording secretary, is a member of Sorosis and a Bay View graduate. She is a member of the Mary Marion chapter D. A. R. and has served the state society as recording secretary since 1911, being an officer of unusual efficiency. Through her father she is descended from Benjamin Knowlton, an officer in the New Hampshire troops which marched from New Ipswich to Cambridge on April 19, 1775; he was in the battle of Bunker Hill and the Siege of Boston. Mrs. Gebhardt was a devoted daughter to her father and mother in their declining years, giving all her time to their care and companionship. She is a woman of fine mind and gentle manner, a woman who has friends in all parts of the state.

## MISS FLORENCE BRINKMAN

Florence Brinkman, pianist, was born in Keokuk, July 17, 1888. She is the only daughter of Geo. A. and Alice C. Breitenstein. Her grand parents on both sides were natives of Germany, and came to Keokuk in 1840. Her mother is descended from the von Breitensteins, the ruins of whose ancestral castle are still to be seen on the Rhine.

Miss Brinkman graduated from the high school in 1906 and the following September entered the Chicago Musical College from which she graduated with honors. She took a post-graduate course, receiving honors in that, also. She has the degree B. M. She received the gold medal for excellence in theory. She studied theory under Adolph Brune and piano with Paul Stoye and Hans von Schiller. While in Chicago she appeared both as accompanist and soloist in concert with some of the leading singers and violinists of this country. In the autumn of 1913 she went to Berlin to continue her studies at the Stern's conservatory and will do further work in Vienna. She is a brilliant pianist with a remarkable knowledge of technique. She is intellectual in her playing and understands what she wishes to express. One critic says, "She puts poetry into her playing." She is a young woman of ambition and her home city is very proud of her, and some day we shall all say with pride, "Miss Brinkman is an Iowa girl," for she is certain to succeed in her ambitions.

## MRS. MARGARET WARNER MORLEY

One of the first settlements in Iowa was the village Montrose on the Mississippi river. It was here on Feby. 17, 1858, that Margaret Warner Morley was born. She is the daughter of Isaac and Sarah Robinson Warner, who were Iowa pioneers living in a cabin as did all their neighbors. Shortly after the birth of their daughter they returned to the East where she was educated for the profession of teaching, being graduated from the New York City Normal College in 1878. She taught in the Oswego, N. Y., Normal School, in the Milwaukee, Wis. Normal School and in the High School at Leavenworth, Kan. She also taught biology in Armour Institute, and in the free kindergarten association training class of Chicago. She has delivered lectures in many cities. Her specialty is biology and she has written many books and magazine articles on the beginnings of life, and how to teach children the simple laws of biology and nature study. In 1913 she contributed a series of articles on nature studies for the Outlook which received most favorable criticism. Many of her books are used as supplementary readers in the schools. They are attractively illustrated and the children love them. Among her books are "A Song of Life," "A Few Familiar Flowers," "Life and Love," "Flowers and Their Friends," "The Bee People," "Seed Babies," "The Honey Makers," "Little Wanderers," "Down North and Up Along," "The Insect Folk," "Little Mitchell," "Wasps and Their Ways," "The Renewal of Life," "Grasshopper Land," "Donkey John of the Toy Village" and "The Insect Folk." Mrs. Morley lives at Tryon, North Carolina.

## MRS. W. D. EVANS

Mrs. Julia Stark Evans of Hampton, a native of Illinois, is yet a true daughter of Iowa in education sympathy and long residence. Her education was completed by a course at the State University and it was here that she met her husband, W. D. Evans, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa. The marriage took place in 1879, after Judge Evans' graduation from the collegiate and law departments of the University and one year before the completion of Mrs. Evans' course. After she had been married thirteen years and was the mother of four children she completed her course and received the degree B. Ph. The necessary study was done in her own sitting room surrounded by her children, the examinations being taken at the University at different periods.

Although Mrs. Evans has been prominent in the activities of the Congregational church, a state officer on its Missionary Boards, and a member of the Public Library Board of Hampton, her literary ability much sought, it is yet in her children that the result of her strong and masterful life is felt. A happier home, children more sanely reared it would be hard to find. The family consists of six sons and daughters; all except the youngest have been graduated from college and received advanced training in music and in the professions. Their broad education is expressed in practical industry most valuable in the communities in which they live. With duties at home so manifold it was not possible that Mrs. Evans should give a great deal of time to clubs, until within the last five years. She is an efficient member of the committee on Legislation of the I. F. W. C. and has rendered a

great service in her book "Laws of Iowa Relating to Women and Children." Its appearance is most timely just as Iowa women are stepping into greater political responsibility. Her keen intellect has made her a very sympathetic companion to Judge Evans. His parents were born in Wales. They came from Wisconsin to Williamsburg in 1858. Here their son received his early education, entering the State University in 1873 and taking the classical and law courses. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and located at Hampton. From 1886 to 1890 he was attorney of Franklin county. In 1902 he was elected Judge of the district court. In 1907 and 1908 he was law lecturer at the State University. In 1908 he was elected judge of the Supreme Court and in 1909 became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. A series of promotions such as these, tell their own story.

In her general influence Mrs. Evans has been an example at good cheer, an apostle of courage, a minister of faith and love. She has been blest with a clear spiritual vision which sees in every duty an opportunity for building eternal interests.

## MISS ANNE B. DAVIS

Anne Britton Davis is the daughter of Calab Forbes Davis and Caroline Thistle Cox who were married in Keokuk in 1856. Their home was continuously in that city, the remainder of their lives. Judge Davis was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., in 1829, died in Keokuk, Jany. 6, 1898. Miss Davis' mother was a Virginian by birth, the daughter of Friend and Susan Cox. She was an unusually handsome woman of very strong character. After the death of Judge Davis she still kept the home, a large octagon stone house, in the center of a big lawn—a picturesque place, one of the landmarks of the city. Mrs. Davis died Feby. 9, 1913. Judge Davis was prominent in public life; for years he was special inspector of the public land service by appointment of Pres. Benj. Harrison. He was a man of literary ability and compiled twelve volumes of local history and biography which are of incomparable value as state history. He had an American Indian collection which experts say surpasses that of the Smithsonian Institute. He presented to the Keokuk High School a collection of mounted birds of several hundred varieties. Largely through his intervention with the Department of the Interior, the bones of Chief Keokuk were brought to that city and buried beneath a monument erected by popular subscription. This monument has since been surmounted by an incomparable statue of the old chief, Miss Anne B. Davis, Judge Davis' daughter, being one of the eight women of the Daughters of the American Revolution to bring about the completion of this work begun by her father so long ago. Five children were born to Judge and Mrs. Davis,—James Cox Davis of Des

Moines, general council for the Chicago & North Western R. R., in Iowa. Frank Wells Davis, cashier of the Keokuk Savings Bank of which his father was one of the founders; Caleb Forbes Davis, of Seattle, Wash.; Caroline Thistle, the wife of Dr. Frank M. Fuller and Anne Britton.

Miss Davis was born in Keokuk, educated in the schools of that city and at Hosmer Hall in St. Louis. She is a woman of marked ability, interested in everything for the public good. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal church and devoted to all of its interests. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Y. W. C. A. and its corresponding secretary. She is a director of the Benevolent Union, a charity organization, a director of the Civic League and is a member of the Mentor Reading Club. For ten years she was secretary of the Keokuk Country Club and is an expert golfer. She has won eight trophies: one loving cup represents the Trans-Mississippi Golf Championship, and other trophies were won in Southern California contests. She is a member of the Keokuk Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, being a descendant of Isaac Cox, who fought in the Pennsylvania troops. He administered the oath of allegiance in 1877 to the people of Washington county, Penn., when they renounced fidelity to King George of Great Britain. Miss Davis is a daughter worthy of her father and mother, true to the traditions of her ancestry and her family, which is praise indeed.

## MRS. JAMES SIMPSON BELLAMY

Mary Alice French Bellamy was born at Knoxville, Ia., Feby. 9, 1859, where she has lived all her life. She is the daughter of Dr. Jedediah Tingle French and Mary Ann Crisler, both of whom are descended from Revolutionary stock and whose ancestry is traced back seven generations. She was educated in the public schools, receiving her musical education in the Indianapolis conservatory. She was married to James Simpson Bellamy on Feby. 13, 1879. Five children form the family, Paul E., aged 33, who was educated at Cornell; Herbert, age 31, also educated at Cornell; Earl Delmar, age 28, a graduate of the State University at Iowa City; Rebekah Imogene, age 21, a junior in the North Western University, and Mary Marguerite, age 16, a senior in the Knoxville H. S.

Mrs. Bellamy is a member of the M. E. church and for more than twenty-five years has been a member of the choir. She has been a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood since 1886 and has served her chapter as president. She has been worthy matron of the O. E. S. for two years. She has been a member of the Rebekah lodge since 1872 and was the state president for two terms. Through her recommendation the two orphans' homes at Mason City were established. She is a business woman of ability, having taken charge of the Knoxville Electric Co. for two years while her husband was engaged in extending his business interests in Des Moines. She has been a mother to a nephew who is now a captain in the regular army stationed at Honolulu, and to a niece who was educated at the North Western University and is now a missionary in West China.



## MISS MARGARET GAY DOLLIVER

Miss Margaret Gay Dolliver who is Dean of Women of Morningside College, Sioux City, was born on a farm near Kingswood, Preston county, West Virginia. She is the daughter of the Rev. James J. Dolliver and Eliza J. Brown. Her father spent over forty years in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, for the greater part in the mountains of West Virginia. The family moved to Ft. Dodge, Iowa, in 1881. Miss Dolliver received her preparatory education in the schools of Ft. Dodge, later attending the Ohio Wesleyan College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1886. She took post graduate work in the North Western University 1905-'06. Taught in Fort Dodge schools 1886-'90. Upon the death of her mother she made a home for her father and her brother, J. P. Dolliver, from 1890-'95. In 1895 Miss Dolliver accepted a position in Morningside College and since that time has devoted herself to the educational interests of the young women of that institution, being Dean of Women. She is a member of the Education Committee of the I. F. W. C. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and of a number of local clubs. She is a woman of broad mind and splendid Christian character. Beside the late J. P. Dolliver she has two other brothers, Robert H., a Methodist minister in Rochelle, Ill., and Victor B., an attorney in Ft. Dodge, and a sister, Mrs. E. R. Graham of Evanston.

## MRS. A. R. DEWEY

Sarah Rousseau Dewey belongs to one of the honored pioneer families of this state. Her father, Dr. W. H. Rousseau, came to Washington, Ia., in 1844, and for many years successfully practiced his profession there. Her mother, Electa Atwood, died at the early age of thirty-four years. Sarah Rousseau was married May 20, 1873, to Almon Ralph Dewey, a young attorney, who made rapid strides in his profession. For twelve years he served as district judge and by his just and impartial decisions, and by his knowledge of law won the respect and approval of the bar and the confidence of the public. He was a man of high rank in the Masonic order and was honored with many state offices. He died April 15, 1905, at the age of 60 years. Two children were born to Judge and Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Mable Dewey Brookling, of Pueblo, Colo., who is a singer of remarkable talent, and Charles Almon Dewey, a successful attorney, who is serving his third term as attorney of Washington county. He was married Sept. 1, 1911, to Miss Jessie Laffer. Mrs. Dewey is a devoted member of the M. E. church and teaches a class of fifty members in the Sunday school. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and has served in its highest office, that of president of the Supreme Chapter. She was chairman of the committee which compiled the History of the P. E. O. sisterhood. For eight consecutive years she has been president of the Nineteenth Century Club and is a member of the Wednesday Reading Club. She is interested in civic affairs having been a director of the Washington Chautauqua and is president of the Rest Room Association. She is a widely read woman and a woman of charming personality.

## MISS M. MARGARET BAKER

Miss Baker has rendered a peculiar service in the establishment of diet kitchens in hospitals and by compiling a book, "Recipes for Nurses," giving sick diet for patients under various conditions. She took her first training in the Department of Domestic Economy at the Iowa State College, which ranks among the finest institutions of its kind in the world. She took further work in Columbia University, N. Y. She was the first dietitian in the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, from there she went to St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago and organized the dietetic department there. She is now head of the Domestic Science department of the Wisconsin Dunn County School of Agriculture and delivers lectures in the state on dietetics and domestic science. Her father, Ira Baker, who was born in Marion county in 1852, is the oldest hardware and implement merchant in Iowa. Her mother, Emma Reynolds Baker, is a native of Iowa, her parents coming here in 1850. The Reynolds family has been prominent since pioneer days. Miss Baker's grandmother, Mrs. Reynolds, resides in Des Moines, and is able to tell interesting and thrilling stories of the early days in Iowa and of the dark days of the Civil War, when she, like other brave women of that day, cared for the family and the farm while her husband fought for the preservation of the Union. Beside her professional work Miss Baker has found time for church work, Y. W. C. A., P. E. O. and local clubs. She is one of the successful young women of Iowa.

## MISS ETHA JOSEPHINE BABCOCK

There are people whom once having met, you always remember. I can't fancy anyone's ever forgetting Josephine Babcock. Her face is always radiant and she is so clever that her personality makes an impression not easily effaced. By profession she is a Journalist and has contributed to many newspapers and periodicals. She has a smooth, interesting style and one always reads her articles to the last word. She is the daughter of the late Nathan Lee Babcock, the son of Stanton and Thirza Babcock of New York. He was a soldier in the Civil War of Co. C, 19th Iowa Infantry. Her mother, Ophelia Smith Babcock, is directly descended from Samuel Rogers of Revolutionary fame. Miss Babcock was educated in the public schools, Washington Academy and the Iowa Wesleyan College where she was an Alpha Xi Delta. She is a trained librarian, had charge of the library in Washington and worked one summer with a story teller in Hamilton Park, Chicago, this being a branch of library work. She is especially interested in public play grounds and all that benefits children. She is a member of the D. A. R. and of P. E. O. and has served the Iowa Federation of Woman's Clubs as recording secretary. She is chairman of the Press Committee of the first district. Miss Babcock enjoys travel and she loves people, of all kinds and conditions and makes friends with them all.

## MISS LILLIE WEST BROWN BUCK

The great majority of people who have read the bright and readable musical and dramatic criticisms by "Amy Leslie," have failed to recognize in the nom de plume, Lillie West Brown Buck, who was born in West Burlington, Oct. 11, 1860. Her parents, Albert Warring West and Kate Webb West, lived in West Burlington for many years and their daughter received her early education in the schools there. In 1876 she was graduated with honor from St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame, Ind. As a child she was far above the average in her school work and her clever, quick mind gave promise then of the ability developed in the woman of later years. Her musical ability while she was yet a child was also evident. She has a clear soprano voice of unusual range and sweetness. She sang the leading roles as Lillie West in Audran's, Offenbach's and Pianquettes operas. She was the original Fiametta in *La Mascotte* and in other soprano roles. As prima donna she appeared in the principal cities of America and in many European cities. She has been for years dramatic critic for the *Chicago Daily News* under the pen name of Amy Leslie. She is the author of a number of books, among them "Amy Leslie at the Fair," "Some Players," and "Plays and Players." Early in life she was married to Harry Brown, who died in 1890. In 1891 she was married to Franklin Howard Buck, a native of Texas. They have a beautiful home, *The Roost*, 265 Crescent Ave., Norwood Park, Chicago.

## MRS. EDWARD LE MOYN BUTLER

Florence McNaughten Butler of Oskaloosa was born in Superior, Nebr., Jany. 27, 1884. She is the daughter of Moses Gilbert McNaughten and Carrie Elizabeth Flint. Her father is of Scotch descent, the family coming originally from the Mac Naughtan Stronghold on the shores of Loch Awe in Argyllshire, Scotland. He was born in Caladonia, N. Y., at the time when it was exclusively a Scotch settlement. Mrs. McNaughten is the daughter of Dr. Amos Flint who was a surgeon in the regular army. They trace their ancestry to the original holders of the Flint castle in Wales. Mrs. Butler studied oratory and physical culture in Omaha, later completed a course in the Cunnock school of oratory at Evanston. She is a member of Zeta Phi Eta, a national oratorical sorority. She has appeared as a professional reader for several years, having done a good deal of Chautauqua work. She also has charge of the children's story hour in the public library. She was married on June 27, 1906, in Villisca to Edward Le Moynes Butler, who is connected with the Oskaloosa Savings Bank. His parents, Frederick and Delilah Kendig Butler, were Iowa pioneers, coming from Ohio in 1852. One son has been born to them, Frederick McNaughten Butler. Mrs. Butler is an active member of the Presbyterian church, is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and of the Woman's Club. Her mother, Mrs. McNaughten, has been a prominent P. E. O. for years, having served as president of the Nebraska Grand Chapter.

## MRS. HORACE BARNES

Olive Schreiner Barnes was born Sept. 6, 1874, in Ottumwa, Iowa. She is the daughter of the Rev. Edwin Luther Schreiner and Martha Anne Robinson. Her father, as his name indicates, was of German descent. He was an alumnus of the Iowa Wesleyan College and for forty years was a minister in the Iowa conference of the Methodist church, being presiding elder a part of the time. He served in the Civil War, enlisting with the first Iowa volunteers, later he joined the U. S. Christian Commission, serving to the close of the war. Mrs. Schreiner was the daughter of the Rev. Anthony Robinson and was a woman of unusual culture—a gentlewoman in every phase of her character. Mrs. Barnes is a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan College, having the degrees B. A. and M. A. She is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was married June 15, 1898, to Horace Barnes, who is editor of the *Albia Republican*. He comes from a family of newspaper men, his grandfather having established and edited *The Independent Press*, the first Iowa paper printed west of the Des Moines river, and his father, A. C. Barnes, edited the *Albia Union* for many years, and is always given a place of honor at the editorial meetings in the State. Mrs. Barnes is a member of the M. E. church, is secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, has been a state officer in the P. E. O. sisterhood and belongs to a number of local clubs. She is a great reader, a keen observer and appreciative of the fine things of life. She is a charming companion, having a sense of humor unsurpassed.

## MRS. W. H. BAILY

Alice A. Crawford Bailey was born Feby 16, 1854. She is the daughter of John Barnes Crawford whose ancestors came from the north of Ireland in 1735 and whose grandfather was an officer in the War of the Revolution. Her mother was Naomi Davis Wood, whose ancestors came to America with William Penn in 1682. Mrs. Bailey was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1875 with the degree B. S. She was married Sep. 23, 1878, to William H. Baily of Spirit Lake, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, the class of 1873, Ph. B. He was graduated from the Law Department of the University of Iowa in 1875. Mr. Baily died May 10, 1910, after having served his home city, Des Moines, and the State with distinguished legal ability and devotion. One son was born to them, Robert William Baily, who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1907, in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Mrs. Baily is a member of the Central Presbyterian church and probably the only woman in the state who has served on the Board of Trustees in a Presbyterian church. She has served as president of the Des Moines Woman's Club; president of the I. F. W. C.; president of the Conversational Club, and is now president of the Ex-Presidents Association of the I. F. W. C. Has served as regent of Abigail Adams Chapter D. A. R. By appointment of Gov. Cummins she served as chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee of the Iowa Board of Managers for the St. Louis Exposition and in that capacity presided at the many functions held in the Iowa State Building. She is a woman of poise and executive ability of a high order, coupled with a gracious charming personality.



## MISS ELIZABETH WILKINS DUNLAP

Some one has said "He has achieved success who has lived well, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who fills his niche and accomplishes his task; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looks for the best in others and gives the best he has." Measured by this standard, the life of Miss Elizabeth W. Dunlap is a success, for daily she does all these things. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, the daughter of David Riddle Dunlap and Harriett Ann Wilkins. She came to Keokuk, September, 1879, which city has since been her home. She has one brother, John A. Dunlap, who is cashier of the Keokuk National Bank. She was educated in the schools of Zanesville and Keokuk, taking advanced work in the University of Chicago and in the Harvard summer school. For twenty-six years she has been a very successful teacher in the Keokuk schools, having been principal of the Garfield building for fourteen years. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal church. She has served the Keokuk Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution as its regent, being a descendant of James Newsmith, Jr., who fought in the War for Independence. She is fond of travel and has twice crossed this continent, beside other trips to points of interest. She has made two trips abroad and visited most of the countries of Europe.

## MRS. ED. E. EGAN

Henrietta Martha Bousquet Egan was born in Ames, Iowa, Nov. 28, 1869. Her parents, John J. Bousquet and Anna Van der Linden, are of Holland birth, and came to America with their parents, with a company of religious refugees in 1847, to find a home in the Holland settlement at Pella, Iowa. In all American history there is no more interesting story than the founding of that settlement at Pella. The colonists brought the traditions of the home land in their hearts and for years and years Pella was a little Holland in its life language and customs. The Bousquet family after a brief residence at Ames returned to Pella and here the daughter Henrietta Martha was educated, graduating from Central College in the department of music. She continued her musical studies in Boston, her natural talent and training have made her a very accomplished musician. She was married Sep. 3, 1896, to Ed. E. Egan, and lived in Glenwood and Atlantic, Iowa, until 1904, since which time their home has been in Burlington, where Mr. Egan is secretary of the Commercial Exchange. Four children have been born to them, John Bousquet, born in 1897, Eugene William in 1907, Louis Gardner in 1910. Geraldine was born in 1901 and died in 1906. Mrs. Egan is an active member of the Congregational church and a valued member of the Burlington Musical Club. For fourteen years she has been a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, having belonged to the chapter in Atlantic before joining the Burlington chapter. In her life she is wonderfully well balanced; she is domestic in her tastes, generous of her musical ability to her friends, fond of society and interested in all that ministers to the welfare of the community.

## MISS ALICE FRENCH (OCTAVE THANET)

A name which stands very near the top in the list of literary women not only of Iowa but of America is that of Octave Thanet, which is the pen name of Miss Alice French of Davenport. She was born in Andover, Mass., March 19, 1850, descended from a long line of honored men and women, representative of the best American ancestry. Her father was the Hon. George Henry French who was a prominent legislator of Massachusetts. She was educated at Abbott Academy in Andover and has traveled and studied all her life, making her a broadly educated woman. She is a member of the Colonial Dames of America, being the Historian of the National Society. She is a member of the Mayflower Club of Boston and of the Barnard National Arts Association of New York. Much of her life has been spent in the east, although she has always claimed Davenport as home. She has a residence at Clover Bend, Ark., where she spends a part of every year. She has received many honors, and much praise for her literary work, all of which is merited, and yet she has been wholly unspoiled. She is a sweet, gracious woman, loved by her friends and sincerely admired by all who know her. Among the best known of her books are "Knitters in Sun," "Expatriation," "An Adventure of Photography," "Otto the Knight," "A Missionary Sheriff," "The Heart of Toil," "A Book of True Lovers," "A Slave to Duty," "The Lion's Share," and "A Man of the Hour."

## MRS. HAZEN I. SAWYER

"Life is not measured in years but in deeds." If this be true the measure of Mrs. Sawyer's life is far more than the forty years which marked its beginning and its close. Marcia Louisa Jenkins was the daughter of Dr. George F. Jenkins and Charlotte Van Waggenen and was born in Keokuk, July 16, 1873. She received her preparatory education in that city and after graduating from the High School, spent four years in study at Rockford College, being graduated from the musical department. Feby. 8, 1899, she was married to Hazen Irwin Sawyer, a prominent attorney, the son of Captain I. A. and Mary Irwin Sawyer. She was a devoted member of the First Westminster Presbyterian church and for many years played the organ for its services, in memory of which a bronze tablet has been placed on the pipe organ in the main auditorium. She was a musician of unusual talent, having a peculiar sympathetic ability as an accompanist. She was a charter member of the Monday Music Club and active in its interests. She was a charter member of the Young Women's Christian Association, for a number of years a director. She was a charter member of the Keokuk Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and twice its Regent. At the time of her death she was Vice Regent of the State Society of D. A. R. It was during her regency that the Keokuk statue was erected and her name on the bronze tablet at its base bears testimony to her part in the work. Her death occurred after a few weeks' illness at the home of her father, Dr. Jenkins, April 10, 1914. At the State Conference of D. A. R.'s. in 1914, a special memorial service was held in her memory.

## MRS. F. S. BURBERRY

Martha Dashiell Burberry was born in 1865 at Hartford, Ia. She is the daughter of Dr. Mark Anthony and Louisiana Noble Dashiell. Her father was descended from the French Huguenots who settled in Maryland. His father came west to Indiana and here Dr. Dashiell grew to manhood, coming to Warren county, Iowa, in 1853, where until his death in 1907, he practiced his profession and was prominent in the affairs of the state, serving several terms in the legislature. He was an orator of ability and many laws which promote public health were enacted through his influence. Mrs. Dashiell was the daughter of Dr. B. S. Noble, who for many years was a practicing physician of Indianola; he was a brother of Gov. Noble of Indiana. Mrs. Dashiell was a woman of unusual beauty and culture, her mother, Mary Jane Armstrong, having been a famous beauty of Indiana. Mrs. Burberry was educated at Simpson College and a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. In 1893 she was married to F. S. Burberry, a prominent resident of Indianola. She is a Presbyterian, president of the Indianola Woman's Club, president of the P. E. O. chapter, a member of the Shakespeare Club and active in the alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi. She has represented the P. E. O. chapter at state and national conventions, has attended two biennials of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and is a member of the State Board I. F. W. C., being chairman of the seventh district. She has no children, but has given a home to two orphan nieces and a nephew, to whom she has been a devoted mother. She is a much traveled woman and a woman of culture and education.

## MRS. ELEANOR HOYT BRAINARD

Among the Iowa authors Eleanor Hoyt Brainard stands very high in the realm of short story writers. She was born and reared in Iowa City, born in 1868. She is the daughter of Water Hoyt and Louisa Smith, who were married in that city in the early 60's. She received her early education in the public schools of Iowa City and was graduated from the Cincinnatti Wesleyan College with the degree A. M. She taught for several years in the Cincinnatti Wesleyan College and in the Gardner schools for girls, 5th Ave., New York. She was married in June, 1904, to Charles Chisholm Brainard, of New York. Their home is at 319 W. 95th St. Since 1898 she has been on the staff of the New York Sun. Besides this she writes regularly for many periodicals of the best class. Her short stories deal largely with the experience of girls, in society, in school, and in business. Her long experience in teaching young women gives her a very keen insight into the life which surrounds the girls of today. Her style is bright and clever and appeals to the older people as well as to the younger generation. She is the author of the following books: "Nancy's Country Christmas and Other Stories," "Concerning Belinda," "In Vanity Fair," "Bettina" and "The Personal Conduct of Belinda."

## MRS. GEORGE H. FRANCE

Nannie Bourne France is the daughter of one of the first white settlers of Iowa Territory and as such is certainly a real daughter of Iowa. She was born in De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa. She is the daughter of the Hon. James D. and Christiana Dennis Bourne who were married in 1844 and resided in Clinton county the remainder of their lives. Mr. Bourne was born in Prince Williams county, Va., in 1832. At the age of 21 he came to Gelena, Ill., and was one of a company which built the first smelting works in this section of the U. S. In 1836 he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and occupied a cabin built by the American Fur Co., on the banks of the Waubesaipinicon river. He was the second white settler in the county and was post-master at Waubesaipinicon, Dubuque county, which was then a part of the Wisconsin territory. He was appointed lieutenant of the militia by the governor of the Territory. He served as deputy sheriff continuously by election until Iowa was admitted as a state. He filled the office of U. S. Marshall, was a member of the second general assembly, and served both as treasurer and recorder of Clinton county, and as U. S. Commissioner. In 1863 he began the study of law, was admitted to the bar and became one of the best known members of the profession in Iowa. His death occurred in 1893. His wife having died Nov. 23, 1890.

On April 13, 1887, Nannie Bourne was married to George H. France, of Des Moines. They have one son, George Bourne France, who was born Nov. 23, 1889. He is a graduate of the North High School of Des Moines, and of the University of Wisconsin, and is in business in Des Moines. Mrs. France is an active club

woman and identified with many of the prominent organizations of Des Moines. She is a P. E. O. and has served chapter Q, which is the largest chapter in the State, as treasurer and as president. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Roadside Settlement House. She has for a number of years been chairman of the Civics Committee of the Des Moines City Federation of Women's Clubs. She was the first woman of that city to take up the movement against the smoke nuisance. She spent the greater part of nine years in familiarizing herself and the public, through the press, of the waste and of the destruction to plant and animal life and to property by the smoke nuisance. Defeated many times in securing a state law, giving cities power to deal with this problem constitutionally, Mrs. France did not give up, but persevered with determination, that for the sake of suffering humanity she would yet win. At last in 1910 the Anti Smoke law was passed, and in Sep. 6, 1911, a city ordinance was passed for the abatement of smoke. These laws are being enforced by a smoke inspector and by a smoke abatement commission of five persons of which Mrs. France is one, being the only woman on the commission.

She is an earnest advocate of equal suffrage and is an active member of two clubs, working for the full enfranchisement of women. Mrs. France has for a number of years been a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Des Moines. She is a lover of nature and of travel and has seen the greater part of this country. While she is a woman of public spirit and interested in civic affairs, yet her home is her first consideration and receives a great deal of her personal supervision.



## MRS. D. A. COLLIER

One of the homes of Keokuk which is a center of good cheer and hospitality and whose roof has sheltered at some time or another most of the people worth while who have come to that city, is that of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Collier. Susie Chambers Smythe Collier was born in Keokuk and is the daughter of the late George B. Smythe and Martha M. Chambers. Mr. Smythe moved to Keokuk in 1848 and was for many years a central figure in the business and municipal life of that city; a pioneer to whom Keokuk owes much. He was mayor in 1863, during the exciting times of the Civil War. In the early 70's the city had a debt of \$3,000,000 and he was appointed fiscal agent. He went to England in 1875, seeking capital with which to settle the debt. It seemed attempting the impossible, but the city eagerly agreed to let him try it and he achieved the impossible, and by his diplomacy, reduced the debt to a size which the city could handle. He was appointed by Pres. Hayes government director of the Union Pacific. He was on the same financial committee with Russell Sage and Jay Gould. He was a wholesale merchant and at one time owned a fortune. Mrs. Smythe was a woman of such fine character as is seldom seen. She was a pioneer in organizing the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in the Presbyterian church when the voice of women was seldom heard in that denomination. For twenty five years she was superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school of the First Westminster church. Her whole life was a beautiful exhibition of Christian character. She lived for her family, her

church and her God, and the trials and sorrows which came to her life but further refined the pure gold of her character.

Susie Smythe was married on Jany. 14, 1886, to David Alexander Collier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Collier, who were pioneers and prominent citizens of Keokuk. Mr. Collier is president of the firm of Blom, Collier Co., wholesale grocers and a director of the Keokuk National Bank. Mrs. Collier is devoted to her home city and to all its interest. She was a charter member of Keokuk Chapter D. A. R. and is State Vice Regent of Iowa. It was largely through her effort the handsome bronze statue of Chief Keokuk was erected. She is a member of the First Westminster Presbyterian church and of two of its societies. She was president of the first Audubon Society of the State of Iowa. She is president of the Benevolent Union and was a very influential factor in the establishment of the Birge Benevolent Union Home for old women and children. She is a director of the Civic League and for ten years was a director of the Country Club. She is a skillful and scientific whist player and has won trophies at the Whist Congresses. Mrs. Collier is fond of society and it is natural that she should be a leader there as in other things.

## MRS. CHAUNCEY P. COLEGROVE

Emma Ridley Colegrove was born Dec. 28, 1866, at Grinnell. Her mother, Maria Anna Brown, born in Evercreech, Eng., in 1845, came to Grinnell in 1855. Her grandfather, John Brown, was prominent and influential, working with J. B. Grinnell and others, for the general uplift. Her father, Chas. A. Ridley, born in Searsport, Me., 1841, a veteran of the Civil War, is a descendant of the ancient Ridley family, Northumberland, Eng. Mrs. Colegrove graduated from the Grinnell High School, the Iowa State Normal, M. Di., Michigan University Ph. B., Radcliffe College, A. M. She taught in the Grinnell schools, principal of the Perry high school and was head of the Historical Dept. Iowa State Teachers' College. Married Aug. 29, 1899, to Chauncey P. Colegrove, A. M., SC. D. They have three children—Marian Emma, born 1900; Donald Ridley, 1901; Catherine Anna, 1909. She is president of the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, the largest and most influential club in the city, a member of the M. E. church, active in the missionary work of the upper Iowa conference, a member of the Tuesday Club, of the Cedar Falls Chapter D. A. R., recording secretary of the Iowa Congress of Mothers and secretary of the Iowa State Teachers College Alumni Association. She often makes public addresses on missionary, social and educational topics. She is the author of an "Outline guide to American History." Her husband, Dr. Colegrove, is head of the Professional Department and vice president of the Iowa Teachers' College. He is a lecturer of national reputation on educational lines and his latest book, "The Teacher and the School," has already (1913) been adopted by the State Reading Circle Boards of twenty-six states.

## MRS. HELEN MAR COMSTOCK

“You might read her beautiful biography written in the hearts of her friends; and heart biographies are the only true ones we know.” Certainly this is true of Mrs. Helen Mar Comstock, who long will live in the memory of all who knew her. She was descended from Virginia ancestry. Her great-great-great grandfather founded the second church in the valley of Virginia which was known as the Old Stone Church. Her grandfather lived in a settlement in Augusta county, Va., from which came President Harrison and other noted men. Her father was William Graham, whose lineage is traced from the Earl of Montrose and many of the family won distinction in the professions. Graham Hospital in Keokuk is a memorial to William Graham. Her mother was Martha M. Coyle, born at Lexington, Ky., of Scotch-Irish descent. Mrs. Comstock was born in Jasper, Ind., in 1837, and died in Pasadena on Easter morning, April 12, 1914. She moved with her parents to Keokuk in 1847. At the age of sixteen she was married to Gilbert Comstock who died several years ago. Mrs. Comstock always called Keokuk “home,” although she spent many seasons in Washington; lived in the north in the summers and the last ten years of her life lived in California, and only visited “home.” At her death she left many bequests to benevolences. She was a devoted Presbyterian and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a woman of the greatest charm, an unusually beautiful woman physically, a woman cultivated by study and travel and above all a woman of the most devoted Christian character.

## MRS. JULIA ELLEN ROGERS

Although not a native of this state, yet a woman whom Iowa claims because of her long residence within its borders is Julia Ellen Rogers, author and lecturer. She was born in La Salle county, Illinois, Jan. 21, 1866. Her parents, Daniel Farrend and Ruth Dodd Lewellyn, lived on a farm and it was here that as a child she lived near to nature and learned to love and understand nature in her varied seasons and moods. In 1892 she was graduated from the State University of Iowa with the degree Ph. B. In 1892 she received the degree of M. S. in agriculture, in the College of Agriculture in Cornell University, New York. For many years she taught in the public schools and academies of Iowa. She was head of the Department of Biology in the East High School, Des Moines, and taught also in the Cedar Rapids High School. She taught nature science in many summer schools in different parts of the state. She has lectured in many cities on various phases of nature study, on civic improvement, the beautifying of cities by trees and parks and kindred subjects. She is the editor of the Nature Club department in *Country Life in America* and has done much to encourage her readers to love the out of doors and to conserve the beauty spots of our country. She is the author of a number of books, among them "The Shell Book," "Among Green Trees," "Earth and Sky," "Trees Every Child Should Know," and "Wild Animals Every Child Should Know." She is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and is a sorority woman, being a member of Pi Beta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. She has a residence in New York at 2338 Loring Place.

## MRS. GEORGE W. DELAPLAINE

In 1852 there came to Iowa from Ohio, the Collier family and the Wilson family of Scotch and Scotch-Irish lineage, and firm in the Presbyterian faith. They settled on adjoining farms in Van Buren county. The household goods were sent by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to Keokuk. The families drove across the country or rode horseback. Mary Wilson rode her own saddle horse all the long journey. In 1855 Alexander Collier and Mary Wilson were married and in 1856 came to Keokuk to live. Mr. Collier was a wholesale merchant and four generations of his family have been prominent in the social and business life of that city. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Collier were born eight children, six of whom are living, John Wilson, David Alexander, George, Charles Cox, Mary Belle and Elizabeth Jean. Mary B. Collier was born at Keokuk and educated in the schools there. She was married Jany. 4, 1888, to George Walker Delaplaine, who died in 1894. He was the son of James W. Delaplaine, who was a prominent Keokuk pioneer. Mrs. Delaplaine enjoys society and her friends, loves travel, is a keen observer, a charming conversationalist and a constant student. She is a member of the Art Club, the Travel Class, the Mentor Reading Club, the Monday Music Club, the Country Club, and to the Fortnightly Whist Club. Margaret Collier Graham of literary fame is a cousin, their fathers being brothers. For more than thirty-five years, the Collier home at 1st and High St. on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River was a center of hospitality and good cheer and only recently because the size of the house and the family were not commensurate did the old home pass into the possession of strangers.

## CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

For more than twenty-five years Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt who is president of the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance, lived in Iowa. She was state lecturer and organizer of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Iowa in 1890-'92. To her is due in a large measure the marked impetus which equal suffrage received in Iowa at that time. She was born in Ripon, Wis., the daughter of Lucius and Maria Clinton Lane. She was educated in the State Industrial College of Iowa. Later she took a special course in law, which knowledge has been of the greatest aid in promoting suffrage measures. For several years she was principal of the high school at Mason City and later was elected superintendent of the schools. In 1884 she was married to Lee Chapman who died two years later. She was married in 1890 to George William Catt, a prominent civil engineer, who died in 1905. No other woman in the United States has a wider reputation in the work for equal suffrage than Carrie Chapman Catt. She served in various capacities in the state work in Iowa, then became president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association and is now president of the International Association. She has lectured in every state in the union. She went to Colorado, Idaho, and Louisiana during the campaign and was an active agent in bringing about the passage of suffrage bills. She has gone again and again to Europe in the cause of suffrage and has lectured in many countries. She has worked for the passage of laws in various states to give women the right to vote on tax levying questions. She has a remarkable mind, which reasons questions with the greatest logic. As a platform speaker she has few equals.

## MRS. A. H. FORTUNE

Effie Caroline Law was born March 31, 1863, in Bloomfield and has lived there all her life. Her father, William James Law, was born in Frederic county, Va., in 1826. Her mother, Caroline Catharine Brunner, was born in Somerset, Ohio, in 1827. They were married in Ohio in 1845, and ten years later came to Iowa, moving to Bloomfield, where they resided the remainder of their lives. Their daughter was educated in the public schools and in the Southern Iowa Normal School. On May 10, 1888, she was married to A. H. Fortune, a cashier in the Davis Co. Trust Co. Bank. Mrs. Fortune has unusual business ability and experience. She was in the money order department of the post office for four years and has had experience in bank book keeping. She has aided many clubs by starting the books in a business like way. She has been a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood since her girlhood days and has received many honors from them. She has filled most of the local chapter offices, was corresponding secretary and president of the Iowa grand chapter and for four years was on the Supreme Board as treasurer and custodian of supplies. She is a member of the Conversational Club and of the Chautauqua Club, having received two diplomas and having to her credit several years of reading. In religious faith she is a Presbyterian. She has contributed to local papers and to the P. E. O. Record and appeared on many convention programs. She is a woman having a wide acquaintance in the State, as well as among the women of other states with whom she has been associated in club and society work.



## SUSAN GLASPELL

Davenport has been the home of many people of talent, particularly in a literary way. Society there is marked by the unusual cultivation of the men and women who live in that city. Among the literary women is Miss Susan Glaspel, who was born in Davenport, July 1, 1882. She is the daughter of Elmer S. and Alice Keating Glaspell. She received her preparatory education in the public schools of Davenport. She was graduated from Drake University at Des Moines with the degree Ph. B. Following her graduation she took a post graduate course in the University of Chicago. For a number of years she lived in Des Moines and did newspaper work of a high order, on the staff of the Des Moines Capitol and News. Through several general assemblies she was State House and Legislative reporter. She has written articles and short stories for Harper's Monthly Magazine, the American, the Atlantic and other periodicals. She is the author of "The Glory of the Conquest" and of "The Visioning," both of which have been widely read. Miss Glaspell is a woman of delightful personality, interested in society and in club life, although she is first of all devoted to the profession in which she has met with signal success. Her friends believe that the future holds for her still greater success as an author.

## MISS RUTHANA PAXSON

When a friend once asked Miss Paxson to tell her the secret of the success of her wonderful life of service she replied: "I got from my mother, who was God's own kind of mother, a love for service to others; I got from the beautiful spirit of my Quaker father a belief in the guidance of the Holy Spirit in which I have found that there is power sufficient to meet the requirements of all true service." Ruthana Paxson, daughter of Charles and Mary Jane Williams Paxson, was born in Manchester, Ia., Nov. 19, 1876. At the age of sixteen she was graduated with honors from the Manchester High School, and in 1898 was graduated from the State University of Iowa, with a record for scholarship of a high order. In the University Miss Paxson showed her capacity for work and service for others which has since characterized her life. She was president of her class, president of the Y. W. C. A., a member of the leading literary societies, a star basket ball player, a member of two sororities, the Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the Phi Beta Kappa. Shortly after her graduation she entered Moody Institute in Chicago. In 1900 she was made state secretary of the Iowa Young Women's Christian Association. So successful was her work in the State that she was called to the national work and became the national secretary of the student Y. W. C. A. In this capacity she visited the leading educational centers of this country and it was many times said of her that she was the best known and best loved young woman in America. She represented the American Board at the International Y. W. C. A. conference in Switzerland and went later as a delegate to China and Japan. In Feb-

ruary, 1911, a life long wish was realized, when she sailed for China to engage in her chosen work in a nation of great possibilities. Her success among the Chinese has been marvelous, and she holds today perhaps the most important position held by an American woman in North China. She is national student secretary and in that position maps out the religious and educational policies followed in the colleges and cities where there are Y. W. C. A's. She devotes much time to a study of the language and to understanding the character and life of the Chinese people. Miss Paxson was one of the seven women who were delegates in 1913 to the famous conference at Shanghai, conducted by John R. Mott. She organized and conducted the first summer conference for young women in North China and secured as speakers many leading men of China. At Tien Tsin she established the first city association for young women. Her work in China is truly that of a pioneer but she loves it all, its hardships, its responsibilities and its pleasures. She has a gifted pen and has written many magazine articles, and her morning prayer has been a guide in the devotions of hundreds of women of many nations. No words can place an estimate on such a life of service.

## MISS HARRIETT SOLOMON

"Let the soldier be abroad if he will, he can do nothing in this age. There is another personage abroad, a personage less imposing perhaps—the school master, and I trust to him armed with his primer, against the soldier in full military array." Harriett Eliza Solomon of Keokuk was born in Oregon, Ill. Her father was Henry Christopher Solomon, born in Gustrow, Mecklenberg Schwerin, and served in the regular army of Mecklenberg. Her mother, Mary Louisa Burmeister, was born near Gustrow. They were married in 1849 and came to America in 1854, the sea voyage taking six weeks. They came overland to Oregon, Ill., and lived there until 1870, when they came to Iowa. Few women have had a wider influence in their home city than Miss Solomon has had. For thirty-seven consecutive years she has taught in the Keokuk schools, twenty-one of which have been in the high school; and through those years she has left a lasting impression for good upon the lives of hundreds of young people. She is a charter member of the Iowa Association of mathematic teachers, is a prominent member of the Teachers' Club, secretary of the Art Club, leader of the Travel Class and a P. E. O. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Y. W. C. A. and one of the most useful and efficient members of the association. She is president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Keokuk. She is a Presbyterian in religious faith and serves the church in many capacities. She is a woman of the greatest culture and educated along broad lines. While professionally her specialty is mathematics, she has a technical knowledge of art and of the many schools of painting and sculpture. She is a Bible scholar above the average and is widely read on other lines.

## MRS. VICTOR GURNEE COE

Mrs. Ernestine Kent Coe was born in Roscoe, Ill., Sept. 6, 1862. She is of Puritan ancestry, the daughter of George H. S. Kent and Belinda Smith, who came from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1844. Her great-grandfather had a thrilling experience in the early days of Pennsylvania, fighting the Indians to protect his home. Later he fought in the Revolutionary War for American Independence. Her grandmother, Charlotte Cray Smith, was one of the first pupils in Miss Emma Willard's school in Troy, N. Y. Mrs. Coe, after having graduated from the high school, took a course in music in the Kimball Conservatory in Chicago. In 1887 at Roscoe, Ill., she was married to Victor Gurnee Coe of Rock Rapids, Ia. In 1891 they moved to Iowa City, where Mr. Coe completed his law course. In 1893 they moved to Clinton where they now reside. They have three sons, Leonard Gurnee, Allan Kent, and Floyd Herman. She is an active member of the Congregational church. She is a charter member of the Harmonic Club, a musical organization and of the Woman's Club. During the time she was president of the Sunoida Club, through its influence, the Civic Association was organized and the public rest room established. She is a member of the Library Extension Com. I. F. W. C. She has traveled a good deal in this country and in 1910 traveled in Europe and witnessed the Passion Play. Notwithstanding an interest in the outside world she believes that

"Home keeping hearts are the happiest  
Home loving hearts are the best."

## MISS JENNIE COULTER

"These are her fruits, kindness and gentleness,  
And gratefully we take them at her hands;  
Patience she has and pity for distress  
And love that understands."

Born and reared in the City of Burlington is a young woman who in a way has done more for her home city than any other citizen in it. Her name in that city is synonymous with good works. Jennie Coulter is the daughter of F. J. and Ida M. Coulter. Since childhood she has been a member of the First Presbyterian church and has all her life been a practical Christian. Realizing that there were neglected children in the city whom the church did not reach, she opened a Sunday school in June, 1901, in the Miller Block, in the tenement district, in one room. The school called this place home for over ten years, adding more rooms as the attendance of children increased. It was called "The Children's Mission." Many people saw and appreciated the work done here by Miss Coulter and The City Mission Association was formed. In October, 1911, the school was moved to an old but large building in Division street and was named the "Jennie Coulter Mission." Settlement work is being done there now under Miss Coulter's supervision. The Sunday school is still maintained, a girls' club of a domestic science nature, a boys' club to counteract the attractions of the street, a mother's club and an emergency day nursery are features. A branch Sunday school is conducted in the cabin boat settlement. Looking after all these interests and visiting the homes of the people fill the heart as well as the hands of this city mission worker.

## MRS. HIRAM J. CHITTENDEN

Mrs. Lou Miksell Chittenden, daughter of Powel Garner Miksell and Mary Kline Watts, was born in a log house, Jany. 7, 1863, near Red Rock (now Cordova) in Marion county, Ia. Her grandfather, John Huff Mikesell, came to Marion county, Oct. 18, 1842. Prominent among pioneers he had a very large share in the upbuilding and progress of that part of the state. Mrs. Chittenden is a direct descendant of William Ashley of Rochester, Mass., who rendered heroic service in the War of the Revolution. She was educated in the Council Bluffs High School and in Drake University. For eighteen years she taught in the schools of Council Bluffs, being a ward principal six years of that time. She was married Jany. 30, 1905, in Denver, Colo., to Hiram Jonah Chittenden. They lived in Colorado for a short time, then came to Sioux City where they still reside. She is a member of St. Thomas Episcopal church and an officer in the parish Guild. She is a member of the Sioux City Woman's Club and for two years was chairman of the Household Study class; is a member of the National Society D. A. R., of the Midlothian Golf club, and of the Boat Club. She has four sisters, all residing in Council Bluffs. Mrs. Anna Burtch Mikesell, Mrs. Adolph George Henning, Mrs. Richard Harry Harris, Mrs. Patrick Henry O'Donnell.

## MISS EMMA KATE CORKHILL

Emma Kate Corkhill, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Corkhill, was born in Burlington. Reared in a Methodist parsonage she was an earnest Christian from early childhood. With a keen mind, eager for knowledge she was a tireless student. She graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan College and at once decided to devote her life to teaching. She taught in the college at Mt. Pleasant for a few months, then went to Boston to take her degree. This she did in two years—receiving the degree of Ph. D. from this school. She then accepted the chair of English in Simpson College, where for seven years she taught with great success. She then spent one year in the University of Edinburgh, from which she received the “highest honors,” as this school does not confer degrees upon women. On her return she was called to fill the chair of English in the Lawrence College at Appleton, Wis. Here she brought into action this finely educated and well developed mind—to such an extent as to rank her among the best of women instructors. Aside from her teaching she was gifted as a writer, and had contributed generously to church periodicals. Her idea was not to teach her students how to learn books but rather how to apply what the books said to their own lives, thereby enlarging and enriching them. She sought the highest ideals in every line of work. And “she was so true to her ideals, which were pure and high, so sweet and strong, so akin to the Christ whom she loved above all else on earth, so clear and positive in her devotion to truth and so constant as a friend.” Her life, though not long in years, was rich in deeds. She died in Chicago, Dec. 13, 1913, and sleeps in Forest Home Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.



## MRS. ALBERT E. CONNABLE

Rose Florida Franklin, the daughter of Noah Arnold Franklin and Nancy Long, was born in Keokuk. The first home built by her parents in 1845 at 110 N. First St., still stands; as the town grew they moved to 319 Morgan St., later to 623 High St., which is still the home of the elder daughter, Mrs. J. C. Paradise. The Franklin family was a prominent one socially and in a business way. Mrs. Connable was educated in Miss Lawrence's private school and in the convent of the sisters of the Visitation; later she graduated from the Oakland Female Seminary at Hillsborough, Ohio. She was married Nov. 6, 1872, to Albert E. Connable. Their home for 35 years was at "Rose Dale," a beautiful home surrounded by 300 acres, a mile east of Hamiton, Ill. Here three children were born to them—Saidee Perry, now the wife of Ira W. Wills, president of the Kellogg-Birge & Co. of Keokuk; Lucile Helen, the wife of Lewis C. Judd of Los Angeles, who is interested in the Imperial Valley and in Mexican Mines. Franklin Albert of Houston, Texas, is president of the Hot Well Co. Mrs. Connable is a member of the Unitarian church of which her father was a charter member and of which her father-in-law, A. C. Connable, was a pillar for many years. For years she was president of the Montibello Floral Society of Hamilton, and belongs to several prominent Keokuk Clubs. She has traveled all over America and in 1909-10 she and Mr. Connable made a journey around the world. She has given many delightful addresses and travel talks before clubs and societies and the written story of her journey furnishes material for an unusual book of travel, which she has been urged many times to have published.

## MRS. D. N. COOLEY

Mrs. Clara Aldrich Cooley, widow of Judge D. N. Cooley, during her many years residence in Dubuque, has been a forceful leader in religious, literary and philanthropic circles. Her interests are wide and varied. The General Federation of Women's Clubs, at its biennial held in St. Paul, gave her the title of "Honorary Vice President," an honor as great as they could bestow. She is a member of the Pioneer Woman's Club of New York, the founder and first president of the Dubuque Woman's Club; one of the incorporators and first president of The Home for the Friendless. Of colonial ancestry, Mrs. Cooley is a most enthusiastic member of the national organization, Daughters of the American Revolution. She founded the Dubuque Chapter, served as its regent and later served as State Regent; she is now honored by the office of Honorary State Regent. This gifted woman at the age of eighty-four is presiding over and leading The Monday Afternoon Club of fifty members, organized by her twenty-three years ago, and meeting at her home. Mrs. Cooley has won honors from the club women of our country because of her enthusiastic work in behalf of the club movement. Sorosis of New York has made her an honorary member of their organization. She is a member of the Mary Washington Association, of the American Economic Association, The Academy of Political Science of New York, and the National Geographical Society. Mrs. Cooley is a Methodist and has a national reputation as a Bible teacher. Four children were born to Judge and Mrs. Cooley, all of whom are living—Mrs. Clara C. Becker, Chicago; Mrs. J. F. Douglas, New York; Mrs. C. W. Bassett, Baltimore; Mr. Harlan Ward Cooley, Chicago.

## MRS. ROGER N. CRESAP

Elizabeth Borland Cresap of Bonaparte was born June 3, 1864, at Leavenworth, Kan., and is the daughter of William Patterson Borland and Elizabeth Hason of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Mrs. Cresap's father's ancestors were among the early settlers of Maryland, the Ogle branch of the family had in it several Revolutionary soldiers. She was married July 2, 1886, to Dr. Roger N. Cresap, who is the third physician in the family to practice in Iowa. His grandfather, the first Dr. Roger Nelson Cresap, came to Bonaparte, Ia., in 1833 and a part of the town is platted from the grant of land he received from the government. The Cresap family line is recorded through seven generations to Michael Cresap who is buried in Trinity church Yard, New York. Dr. Cresap is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his ancestors having fought in the Maryland troops. The family has been a prominent one in Southern Iowa for more than eighty years. At the time of the arrival of Dr. Cresap I, the state contained only a few scattering settlements of white people. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Cresap, Katherine Cresap-Hughes and Mary Elizabeth Cresap.

Mrs. Cresap is an active member of the Presbyterian church. She is president of the P. E. O. chapter which has done an unusual amount of civic work. They have aided in the building of churches, in installing beautiful stained glass windows and have made needed improvements in the cemetery. She is a public spirited woman and while she has done much work along that line, she has not failed in her duties as the wife of a busy physician and in her home which claims her chief interest.

## MRS. JOHN H. COLE

Mrs. Leulia Warner Cole was born July 29, 1854, at Meshoppen, Penn. She is the daughter of Riley and Rachel Dunlap Warner. Was married at Emporium, Penn., Dec. 23, 1873, to John H. Cole, and shortly afterward moved to Keokuk, where they still reside. Mr. Cole for thirty-three years has been superintendent of the Carnegie bridge which spans the Mississippi River at Keokuk. He is a civil engineer, an architect of ability and a man of unusual mental caliber. They have three daughters, Emma L., Ora Belle, and Iva Valentine. Emma graduated from the University of Illinois, has taken post-graduate in the University of Chicago and has traveled and studied in Europe. She is now a teacher in the Chicago High Schools. She was married to William Allin Spain who died in 1909. The second daughter, Ora, graduated from the University of Chicago with a high rank of scholarship. Iva graduated from the high school and shortly afterward was married to S. Chandler Carter and resides in Keokuk. Mrs. Cole has been a member of the First Westminster Presbyterian church for thirty-nine years, member of the Benevolent Union, was its president for six years. She is a charter member of the Travel Class and of the Wednesday Reading Club and belongs to prominent social clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are both descended from Revolutionary ancestry. One of Mr. Cole's ancestors, Col. Phillip Cole, commanded the 4th Battalion of Northumberland Co. Associators, a Pennsylvania Regiment and was in the battle at Trenton, N. J., another was Gov. John Webber of Connecticut whose son was a Minute man.

## DR. CARRIE BUTLER COLLIER

Prominent among the professional women of Iowa is Dr. Carrie Butler Collier, an unusually successful practitioner, secretary of the Iowa Osteopathic Association, a member of the American Osteopathic Asso., and one of the Board of Managers of the Still College of Osteopathy of Des Moines, she has had a wide professional experience. Her parents, Jacob and Martha Simonton Butler, came to Iowa in 1855. She was born in Clarinda, Dec. 29, 1862. Was educated in the high schools, receiving her doctor's degree at the Dr. S. S. Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines. She was married to Dr. C. H. Collier, Sept. 10, 1884, and together they practice their profession. She is a woman who notwithstanding her busy life has found time to aid in many social reforms and to take an active part in the M. E. church, in the Sunday school and in the Missionary society of which she has been president for several years. She has delivered many addresses in the interests of missions, one in particular on "The Obligation of Christian Women," was published in booklet form. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, the Shakespeare Club, the City Federation of Women's Clubs, the Beta Delta Omega Sorority and other local clubs. Her parents were pioneers in Southwestern Iowa and helped to build up that part of the state. Dr. Collier's great-great-grandfather, John Simonton, was a Lieutenant in Capt. James Fisher's Co., First Battalion, in Cumberland Co., Penn., during the Revolution. Her great-great-grandfather on her father's side was a member of the convention which adopted the Federal constitution. She is a worthy descendant of a long line of ancestors and kinsmen who have excelled in the professions.

## MRS. JULIA CHAPIN GRINNELL

Mrs. Julia Chapin Grinnell (Mrs. J. B. Grinnell) was born in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 2, 1827, and died in Grinnell, Iowa, Dec. 11, 1907.

Mrs. Grinnell traced her descent from Deacon Samuel Chapin, the founder of Springfield, Mass., whose statue now stands in the public square of that city. Her grandfather was Judah Chapin, who enlisted in the Revolutionary War, December 25, 1776. Her father was Deacon Chauncey Chapin of the historical First Church of Springfield. The mother of Mrs. Grinnell, Nancy Jones Lombard, numbered among her ancestors Reverend John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, and others holding positions of honor and trust in Colonial history; among these were Governor Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts Bay Colony, Governor Thomas Wells of Connecticut, Governor William Leete of Connecticut and New Haven Colonies, and Governor William Brenton of Rhode Island. Mrs. Grinnell was a student at Mount Holyoke in the days of Mary Lyon. February 5, 1852, at Springfield, Mass., she was married to Rev. Josiah Bushnell Grinnell, then a Congregational minister in New York City, of Mayflower ancestry and a native of New Haven, Vermont. Four children were born to them, a daughter and a son died in infancy. Two daughters are living: Mrs. Mary Grinnell Mears, the wife of Rev. David O. Mears, D. D. Pastor-Emeritus of the Fourth Presbyterian church, Albany, N. Y., and Mrs. Carrie Grinnell Jones, wife of Professor Richard Jones, Ph. D. of Tufts College, Massachusetts.

In 1854 Mr. Grinnell, with three others, founded the town of Grinnell, Iowa, which was named in his honor

and became his home thereafter, until his death, Mch. 31, 1892. This little prairie hamlet, a typical New England village, had from the first an unusual history. "Consecrated to temperance, education, and religion" it bore a worthy part in the movements of the time and its influence became felt in state and nation.

Mrs. Grinnell shared with her husband in his plans for the development of town and college, and was the leading spirit in the formation of many organizations of a public nature. She was the organizer of the first Maternal Association west of the Mississippi River, which now bears her name; the founder of the Grinnell W. C. T. U.; a charter member of the Congregational church; an officer in the Ladies' Education Society, etc. For many years she edited monthly a Foreign Missionary Column in "Congregational Iowa" and served on the executive committee of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior. She was a graduate of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle of the class of 1883 and a member of the Elizabeth Earle Magoun Club. The portraits of Honorable and Mrs. J. B. Grinnell have a place in the Iowa Historical Art Gallery at Des Moines, Iowa. In requesting these portraits the Hon. Charles Aldrich who was then curator of the Historical Dept. said:

"I am of the opinion that none of the Iowa women whose portraits are likely to come here are more deserving of this honor than your mother. She was a brave, intelligent Iowa pioneer, who not only sustained your father in his great works, but who has always been helpful to young people who needed assistance in acquiring an education and position in life."

## MRS. CHARLES P. FRANTZ

Mary Eliza Arnold Franz was born in Salem, Iowa, Feby. 29, 1876. She is the daughter of Columbus Vespuccius Arnold and Adeline Patterson Howard. Her father was one of the prominent men of southern Iowa, living in Mt. Pleasant for nearly forty years. For twenty years he was treasurer of the Iowa State Hospital for the Insane, for twenty-two years he was treasurer of Henry county, for fifteen years he was cashier of the Henry Co. Savings Bank. It is interesting to note that Mr. Arnold's grandfather held the first patent for the threshing machine. Adeline Patterson Howard Arnold was a descendant of Henry Howard, the second son of the Duke of Norfolk who settled in America at Newbern, N. C. Her grandfather, Elisha Bates, was a Quaker preacher who stood very high in the councils of the church and was sent three times to church conferences in England.

Mrs. Frantz was educated in the public schools of Mt. Pleasant and in the Iowa Wesleyan College, being graduated in 1896, with the degree B. S., later receiving M. S. She belonged to the College P. E. O. chapter, and to Alpha Xi Delta, which later supplanted it. She was married November 7, 1900, to Dr. Charles Peter Frantz, a successful practitioner of Burlington, where they reside in a beautiful home on North Hill. They have three children, Robert Arnold, Charlotte May and Howard Jerome. She is an active member of the M. E. church. She has served the Burlington chapter of P. E. O. as president three years, as organizer and as vice-president of the State Grand Chapter. She belongs to the Burlington Musical Club and to the Golf Club, enjoys society and her friends but finds her greatest interest in her family and home.



## MRS. F. F. FAVILLE

Cora Thornburg-Faville is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thornburg, who were Iowa pioneers, coming to Mitchell county in 1856. Her father established one of the first saw mills in Iowa, the engine and boiler of which were drawn by five yoke of oxen from Dubuque to Orchard on the Cedar River. Mrs. Faville was born at Orchard and received her education in the public school and normal schools. She began teaching when she was only sixteen years old. Her husband, Frederic F. Faville, is a lawyer by profession. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Des Moines where he was clerk of the twenty-third general assembly. In 1892 they moved to Sioux Rapids, where they lived for several years, from there moving to Storm Lake, where they now reside. They have two children, Stanton Sherwood and Marion Blanche. Mrs. Faville is Rec. Sec. of the I. F. W. C., has served on many committees of the Iowa Federation as well as on committees of the general Federation. She has spoken many times at district meetings and at the Iowa biennials and is always a delightful addition to the program. She was a charter member of the Tuesday Club and its president for sixteen years. This club has added books, pictures and statuary to the public library as well as helped to beautify the lake front. She is a member of the library board and was instrumental in establishing a rest room which has come to be a sort of civic center. The Favilles have a summer home, "Idylrest," on the south shore of Storm Lake, where they spend a part of the year. Mrs. Faville is a woman of unusual poise, being able always to keep an ideal atmosphere in her home and yet extend her influence far beyond the confines of those four walls.

## MRS. BELLE HANSON

The splendid civilization of Iowa did not come into existance easily but through hard labor and endurance of privation by the early settlers. In 1850 when northern Iowa was a great field of prairie grass James Johnson and his wife, Rusie Brannen Johnson, came from Indiana and settled on a farm in Iowa county, west of Marengo, which farm is still in possession of the family. In the family were ten daughters. Walt Whitman says that "The mother of a large family is one of the surest sources of wisdom;" if this be true then Mrs. Johnson was a wise mother. We know she was a good mother, judging from her children. The youngest daughter was Belle J. Hanson of Ida Grove, who was born in Marengo June 4, 1858. On Aug. 27, 1877, she was married to Dwight Smith. To them were born two children, Nina de Estelle, and Dwight Curtis, the latter died at the age of two years. The daughter is now Mrs. Babcock and has three children, Phyllis Belle, Dwight Vincent, Dean Curtis. In 1882 Mr. Smith died and his wife bravely took up the burden of the support of herself and her daughter. For twenty-five years she conducted a millinery establishment at Ida Grove and had a photographic establishment in Marengo and in Ida Grove for a number of years. Her business experience has made her an earnest advocate of equal suffrage, for some time she was on the executive board of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association. On Dec. 31, 1885, she was married to Neil Hanson, who died in 1893. She is a member of the M. E. church, of the P. E. O. sisterhood and an equal suffrage club. She has a beautiful home in Ida Grove which is seldom without guests under its hospitable roof.

## MRS. DELL PHILLIPS GLAZIER

Mary Dell Phillips was born May 2, 1870, in Mercer county, Ill., coming to Iowa in 1872. She is the daughter of Silas Phillips and Sarah Ann Patterson, both natives of Greene county, Penn. Her mother is a descendant from Lieut. Wm. Sayers of the Pennsylvania troops who fought in the Revolutionary War. On Aug. 28, 1895, she was married to Albert Edward Glazier, of Ft. Madison, which city has since been her home. Mrs. Glazier is the guardian of her nephew, Albert Phillips, who lives with them as their own son. She is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and for more than twenty years has been a teacher in the Sunday school. She is a charter member of Jean Espy, chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and has served as Regent for several years. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood. Has served the local chapter as president and has been organizer, recording secretary, vice-president and president of the Iowa Grand Chapter and is now corresponding secretary of the Supreme Chapter. She has been a member of fifteen state conventions and three supreme conventions. She is a member of the Pythian Sisters and has served that organization in its highest office as Supreme Chief. She was thirty years old at that time and has the honor of having been the youngest woman elected to that office in the history of the order. Previous to being Supreme Chief she held a number of state offices, among them Grand Chief of Iowa. She is now chairman of the Committee on Written Laws in Iowa and in the Supreme Temple also. She is the only member of the order who attended the organization of the Grand Temple and every session since held in Iowa, twenty-four in all. She has attended nine sessions of the Supreme

Temple. She was corresponding secretary of the National Council of Women; she is a member of the International Peace Committee of the International Council of Women. In the National Council of Women she had the honor to be associated with Mary Wright Sewall, Anna Howard Shaw, Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt and other women who have helped make history. Locally she is an influential woman. She has served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Y. W. C. A. She was chairman of the committee through whose influence the monument in the form of a chimney was erected to mark the site of the old Fort Madison. This fort was built in 1808, under the supervision of Col. Zachary Taylor, who was sent by the government to build some forts along the upper Mississippi River. He built this one on the Iowa side about ten miles above the Des Moines Rapids, and named it Ft. Madison. This was in direct violation of a treaty with the Indians, who made bitter complaint and some time after under the leadership of Black Hawk they made an attempt to capture and destroy it. In 1813 the fort was burned, but for many years one lone chimney stood a land mark visible for miles. To replace this land mark Jean Espy Chapter, D. A. R., with Mrs. Glazier as chairman, was instrumental in erecting the new chimney of Bedford stone. She has traveled extensively in America, having been in fifty-one of the fifty-eight states, to Cuba and through Canada, and has visited some parts of the United States many times. She is a woman of strong character and remarkable executive ability. It is unusual to find a woman who has been so prominent and successful in a public way, to be domestic in her tastes and a good housekeeper; but in Mrs. Glazier is found that unusual combination.

## MRS. EDWARD D. CHASELL

Mary A. Calkins, daughter of Dr. Martin H. and Lucinda Loudon Calkins, was born in Wyoming, Ia., Dec. 13, 1865. Her parents came to Wyoming in 1856, where Mrs. Calkins still resides. Dr. Calkins died in 1909. For fifty years he was a successful practitioner and a writer of ability. He compiled a local history and delivered lectures on early Iowa history. He was a member of the 19th and 20th General Assemblies of Iowa. Mrs. Chassell was educated in the public schools and in Mt. Carroll, Ill., seminary and took advanced musical training in Chicago and Boston. She taught music in Drake University and other colleges. On Dec. 19, 1906, she was married to Edward D. Chassell, of Le Mars, by profession a newspaper man. He has been a member of the General Assembly and was also State Binder. She has one sister, Mrs. W. E. Briggs, of St. Paul, to whose children Martin Calkins, Walter Charles and Mary, she is devoted. Mrs. Chassell has served the I. F. W. C. as a state officer and on state committees. She is a P. E. O. and a D. A. R. She is descended from Sir Thomas Kinne, knighted in 1618, and from Mary Allerton of the Mayflower. She and her sister own the homestead in Oneida county, N. Y., which has been in the family since 1792. Here Chas. G. Finney, the founder of Oberlin College and Robt. G. Ingersoll were frequent guests of her great grandfather. She is an honorary member of the Pioneer Law Makers Association of Iowa. She originated the first Old Home Week, celebrated in Iowa on the 50th anniversary of the founding of Wyoming. Her father erected a monument in Wyoming to the memory of the 89 men to whom he administered the oath of allegiance and who formed the greater part of Co. K., 24th Iowa.

## MRS. GEORGE P. GRINNELL

Cleodora Hitchcock Grinnell was born near Morrison, Ill., Oct. 22, 1858. She is the daughter of Gad Walter Hitchcock and Harriett Emily Topping, both natives of New York state. Her grandfather, David Hitchcock, was one of the early supporters of Oberlin College. The Hitchcock family were pioneers in Illinois, coming there in the early 50's, when only villages and settlements stood where now stand the cities of Illinois. On April 2, 1884, in Morrison she was married to George P. Grinnell and came to Grinnell, Ia., which is still their home. In 1887 Mrs. Grinnell helped to form the Industrial School of Grinnell, a mission school in which many useful arts were taught. She was superintendent or teacher in it until May, 1913, when the school was closed because the public schools had introduced manual training, domestic science, sewing, etc., all of which had been taught in the Industrial School. This school was a practical institution and was one of the forerunners of manual training as a part of the public school course. Mrs. Grinnell is a member of the Grinnell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Woman's Relief Corps. She helped to organize the Priscilla Club which was the third club to be organized in Grinnell. Her husband is a nephew of J. B. Grinnell, one of the founders of the town which bears his name and one of the noblest men whom Iowa has yet produced.

## MRS. WILLIAM E. STEWART

Martha Evaline Pike Stewart was born Sept. 22, 1863, in Kirksville, Ia. She is the daughter of James Brown Pike and Prudence Jane Ross, who settled in Wapello county in 1858. Her grandfather was James Brown Pike, who was a brother of Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike, who was born in camp during the Revolutionary War; he was the first American to enter Iowa, 1805, the other white settlers having been Frenchmen. He was 24 years of age, when on Aug. 9, 1805, he started from St. Louis with 20 men in a boat 75 feet long, to explore the Mississippi. On August 20th they passed the mouth of the Des Moines River and stopped at the Sac village, now Keokuk, to explain the friendly object of the expedition. On September 4th he landed near McGregor and there met the Winnebago Indians in council. On September 9th they reached the mouth of the upper Iowa River near the northern limits of Iowa. In 1806 he returned to St. Louis and was sent on that memorable trip west when he discovered the peak bearing his name. At the age of 34 he was a general, serving in the war of 1812, and was killed in the battle of York, Canada. His wife was Clarissa Harlow, the daughter of Capt. John Brown. Their daughter married Cleve Symmes Harrison, the son of Pres. William Henry Harrison.

Mrs. Stewart's great grandfather was Col. Zebulon Pike, who fought in the Revolutionary War under the direct command of General Washington who signed his commissions as Capt. and Major, Thomas Jefferson signing his commission as Colonel. Mrs. Stewart is a D. A. R., and has been regent of Jefferson Chapter. In 1884 she was married to Wm. Ellis Stewart of Jefferson, which city is still her home.

## DR. JENNIE G. GRIST

Jennie G. Grist was born July 4, 1869 in Wapello county. She is the daughter of Alonzo Garrison and Eliza Margaret Cross. Her mother was a daughter of Nancy Spelman who was a descendant of Henry Spelman, the noted antiquarian who is buried in Westminster Abbey. One of his sons came to America and was with John Smith during his captivity with the Indians; he was present at the marriage of John Smith and his picture is to be seen in the large painting at the landing of the stairs in the Capitol at Washington. Alonzo Garrison is a descendant of William Lloyd Garrison of Civil War fame. Dr. Grist received her professional education at the Keokuk Medical College, later taking post graduate work in Chicago, New York and in Vienna. July 3, 1890, she was married to David M. Grist, M. D. Their home is in Ames, where both very successfully practice their profession. They have two children, Orrie E. Grist and David Garrison Grist. Dr. Grist belongs to the State Society of Medical Women of which she was president in 1912. For a number of years she was president of the Ames Civic Improvement Society. She organized and conducted a baby health contest at the Tri-county Fair which was a very successful contest. She has given many talks and lectures before clubs and Y. W. C. A's. on social hygiene. She made a journey around the world, visiting hospitals and studying the diseases peculiar to the various countries. On her trip she observed the work of the medical missionaries and many times since her return she has spoken before churches and missionary societies on the subject of missions. Dr. Grist is one of Iowa's very successful professional women.



## MRS. DAVID BROWN HAMILL

Maria Louise Sullivan Hamill was born in Mt. Vernon, Ind., Dec. 12, 1849, the daughter of Richard Lamb Sullivan and Maria Nettleton Sullivan. Her father was a banker by profession. The beautiful home in which she was born stands unchanged in Mt. Vernon and is now the residence of Col. Manzies. Her childhood recollection of the Civil War is very vivid, their home being just across the Kentucky border and in the line of the famous Morgan's raid. As a child she helped make bandages and prepare supplies for the sick and wounded, as many battles were fought near by. The sudden death of her father was a tragedy in her life; on a trip to New Orleans he died very suddenly from cholera.

She received her education in the public schools of Evansville and in a finishing school of that city. On June 2, 1870, she was married to Maj. David Brown Hamill, of Keokuk, which city has since been her home. Maj. Hamill is the oldest son of the late Smith Hamill, an Iowa pioneer and a man of splendid character, who founded the S. Hamill Co., wholesale grocers, of which firm Maj. Hamill is president. They have three children living: Mrs. Paul Dysart of Keokuk, Mrs. Frank R. Fry of St. Louis and Smith Hamill of Keokuk. Mrs. Hamill's father was a school-mate of Henry Ward Baacher and of Harriett Beecher Stowe.

She is descended from General John Sullivan, one of Washington's trusted generals, whose sword is a family possession. She is eligible to both the D. A. R.'s. and Colonial Dames. She is a member of the First Westminster Presbyterian church, a devoted church woman and an interested worker in charitable, civic and social organizations.

## MRS. JULIA CLARK HALLAM

One of the really brilliant women of Iowa is Julia Clark Hallam, of Sioux City. She is an exceptionally well educated woman, a lecturer of power, and a writer of ability. She was a pioneer advocate of suffrage and of the teaching of social hygiene, advocating these two ideas long before they came to be accepted as generally as they are today. She was born Jany. 7, 1860, in Portage, Wis. Her father was John Tellotson, Clark, and her mother, Louise Harriett Halley. She is a Mayflower descendant, tracing her ancestry direct to Gov. Bradford. She was graduated from the University of Wisconsin, B. A., 1881, M. A., 1883. She received the degree M. A. from the University of Chicago in 1910. Elected to Alpha Chapter Phi Beta Kappa of Wisconsin in 1913. On Aug. 17, 1883, she was married to Joseph Wood Hallam. They have four children: Marguerite, now Mrs. A. L. Matthews of Los Angeles; Clark, Arthur Wood, and Kirkland. For thirty years she has been a member of the First Congregational church and has been an active worker in the Sunday school and in boys' and girls' clubs. She has been state president of the Political Equality Association, has been secretary of the I. F. W. C's., and has been a leader of the Child Psychology Section of the Sioux City Woman's Club. She has served the Mothers' Child Study Club as president, and is a member of the D. A. R., church Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid. She has lectured throughout the state in Child Training and on Equal Suffrage. She is the author of "A Story of a European Tour," "Relation of the Sexes from a Scientific Standpoint" and "Studies in Child Development," all of which have had wide circulation.

## MRS. THOMAS GOSS

Mrs. Frances Cornelia Lanius Goss was born Jany. 28, 1874, in Trenton, Mo.

Her father's name was Henry Clay Lanius, a native of Ohio. Her mother's name was Hester Anne Fouts, whose forbears were among the prominent families of Virginia, and was the daughter of Elizabeth Perry, who was an own cousin of Commodore Hazard Perry, of Lake Erie fame.

Mrs. Goss was educated in the public schools of Trenton, Mo., and in Hardin College, Mexico, Mo., where she specialized in music. She was married in September, 1893, to Rev. Wilbur M. Jones, a Baptist minister of Fairmount, Ill., where her work in the church resulted in much lasting good. Their one son, Thaddeus C. Jones, is now a student in Drake University, doing work preparatory to a Harvard University Law course.

She was married to Mr. Thomas Goss, a prominent business man, and a member of one of Iowa's oldest and most highly respected families, in February, 1903, and went to live in Centerville, Iowa, where they now reside. To this marriage have been born two children, Frances Ima, age nine, and Henry Clay Goss, age six.

Mrs. Goss is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, of the Ladies Civic Improvement Club and of the M. X. L., a social organization. She has the honor to be a member of the Board of Education which position she fills with dignity and intelligence on matters relating to the welfare of the schools. She is a woman who has traveled widely and reads a great deal and is a delightful conversationalist. She is possessed of an abundance of good cheer and sees life through optimistic eyes, making her always a delightful companion.

## DR. ELLA RAY GILMOUR

Prominent among the professional women of Iowa is Dr. Ella Ray Gilmour of Sioux City. She was born in Holly Springs, Miss., March 3, 1866. Her father was a Baptist minister, Rev. Cyrus N. Ray, and her mother was Anna Lockhart Ray. She was educated at La Grange College and took her professional training at the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Mo., receiving the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. She was married to Joseph B. Miller, a lawyer of Blackfoot, Idaho, on May 12, 1887. His death occurred in January, 1895. On July 24, 1898, she was married to Dr. George H. Gilmour, who died in May, 1907. Dr. Gilmour has three children by her first marriage, all of whom were adopted by her second husband and who therefore bear the name Gilmour. They are Ray B. Gilmour, Howard J. Gilmour and Mrs. Alta M. Quick. She has one grand child two years old, Roy F. Quick, Jr. She is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, and of the Iowa Osteopathic Association of which she is president. She has served as president of the Fifth District Iowa Osteopathic Association. During the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago she was one of the Board of Lady Managers, representing Idaho. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and has served as worthy Matron for three years. She is a member of the Baptist church, and like most business and professional women, believes in equal suffrage. She is a successful practitioner and one who loves her profession.

## MRS. A. D. HOWARD

Maude De Vee Howard, the daughter of Vitruvius Tew, whose parents came from Tewshire, Eng, and Lide Shoup Tew, was born in Pekin, Ill. Her father served four years in the Civil War, enlisted in Co. B., 108 Ill. Vol. Inf., was transferred to the Fifth Veteran Corps and served until the close of the war. He was one of the soldiers selected to escort the body of President Lincoln after his assassination. Her mother's father, Solomon Shoup, was Colonel of the First Colo. Regiment, organized to fight the Indians in that territory in 1859-1863, and was the first post-master of Denver. Mrs. Howard received her education in the public schools of Jefferson, and in the Dunning Academy, of which she is a graduate. She was married on June 18, 1890, to A. D. Howard, a very successful attorney of Jefferson, which city is their home. They have one daughter, Helena De Vee Howard, who was born in Helena, Mont. Mrs. Howard is an interested club woman. She is a member of the Culture Club, having been its president two years. As a member of the City Federation of Women's Clubs she helped establish a rest room for women. She has attended every meeting of the Tenth District Federation since 1907. She has attended two State Federations as delegate and the General Federation at Cincinnati. She is a member of the committee on Civil Service and Reform of I. F. W. C. She is a charter member of chapter CZ, P. E. O. She is past noble-grand of the Rebecca degree of Odd-fellowship. She is a very talented painter in oil colors, having displayed pictures in exhibits in Chicago, St. Louis, and other cities. Her work has received very favorable notice from art critics.

## MRS. FREDERICK P. HARTSOOK

A visitor at one of the biennials of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, said: "I am impressed with the fact that practically all of the women are devoted Christians, loyal members of their churches. And most of them if the question were asked, would admit that the vision which made them really successful in their club work had its beginnings in their church life." Lavina R. Hartsook was born July 7, 1876, near Winterset, which town is still her home. Her parents, James Foresman and Mary E. Travis Foresman, came to Madison county in the early 60's. Mr. Foresman with three brothers served through the Civil War, in the Union Army. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel and Rebecca Oakes Foresman; her maternal grandparents were Martin B. and Lavina Beyer Travis, all of whom were Pennsylvanians. She received her education in the schools of Winterest and in the Northwestern University. On June 12, 1900, she was married to Frederic P. Hartsook. They have one daughter, Helen. Mrs. Hartsook is a member of the Presbyterian church and superintendent of the Sunday school. She has served the local missionary society as president and secretary. For seven years she has been an officer in the Des Moines Presbyterial Society of Foreign Missions. She was secretary for four years, secretary of literature one year and is now president, having held that office two years. This is one of the largest and strongest Presbyterial societies in the State and much of its success is due to Mrs. Hartsook. She is Cor. Sec of the Woman's Club, a member of the Conservation Committee I. F. W. C. and is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood.

## MRS. F. M. HOPKINS

Mrs. Lucy Holsman Hopkins of Guthrie Center was born in Senacaville, Guernsey County, Ohio. She is the daughter of William Holsman of German descent, and Lucy Dilley of English-Scotch descent, who came to Iowa in 1857. Her education received in the public schools has been supplemented by a four years' course in reading and travel in all parts of the United States, in Canada and in Mexico. On Sept. 27, 1882, she was married to Francis M. Hopkins, who is the son of Dr. John Y. and Mary Needham Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins was born in Oskaloosa, March 8, 1854, and is a graduate of the Iowa State University. For eight years he was clerk of the Guthrie Co. Courts, for three years was mayor of Guthrie Center, and for ten years was State Senator. He is president of the People's State Bank of Guthrie Center and is a man of fine character and wide influence.

Mrs. Hopkins is a member of the D. A. R., being descended from Ephriam Dilley, who was a Revolutionary soldier. She has served as regent of her chapter. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, of the O. E. S., having held the highest office in both organizations. She is a member of the M. E. church and a faithful church woman. She does all kinds of fine needle work and is an artist of ability, making a specialty of china painting. She has two brothers and three sisters living, Mrs. Geo. W. Reed of Emmett, Idaho; Mrs. W. C. McCool, Salem, Nebr.; John D. Holsman, Mrs. Susan Carpenter and Henry B. Holsman, all of Guthrie Center. One brother, Geo. W. Holsman died several years ago.

## MRS. I. A. SAWYER

Mrs. Annette Martin Sawyer, the daughter of Robert Hueston Martin and Mary Ann Meara Martin, is descended from a long line of educated, thinking people and has inherited a vigorous mind. Since girlhood she has been a student, allowing no day to pass without some study or reading. She received her early education in St. Vincent's Academy and was a graduate of the High School of Keokuk. For twenty-seven years she was a teacher in the public schools. She is a French scholar above the average and has a knowledge of English and its correct use which is truly technical. She has marked literary ability and is a regular contributor to one of the city papers, being on the staff. She is a devoted member of the Catholic church, although her paternal grandparents, Thomas Martin and Elizabeth Marshall Martin, were Presbyterians. Her mother's parents, Patrick Meara and Francis Cecilia Anderson, came from Ireland and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, when it was a mere village. Her family has always stood very high in Keokuk. On June 5, 1905, she was married to Capt. I. A. Sawyer, who died May 12, 1909. He was a prominent business man, of splendid family. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer traveled extensively during their married life, making a long sojourn in localities which particularly attracted them. Mrs. Sawyer was a charter member and the secretary of the Keokuk Woman's Club. She was a member of the Board of Directors and the recording secretary of the Visiting Nurse Association at the time of its organization and did efficient work for its success. She was one of the originators of the Ladies of Charity and is the secretary. She believes in equal suffrage and logically defends her position.



## MRS. MARIA PURDY PECK

In the memorial to Mrs. Maria Purdy Peck, which was printed by the Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution it was said of her: "Although winter was on her head, eternal spring was in her heart." She was born Nov. 16, 1840, in West Butler, N. Y., and died at her home in Davenport, Jany. 2, 1914. She was educated in a New York seminary. On Sept. 18, 1865, she was married to Dr. Washington Freeman Peck, who was considered one of the ablest Iowa physicians. It is said that in a very large measure the credit is due him for the establishment of the Medical Department of the State University. He was the chief founder of Mercy Hospital in Davenport. He died Dec. 12, 1891. One daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Jessie Allen Vollmer, who has two children, Harry Vollmer and Dorothea Peck Vollmer. Mrs. Peck was one of the ablest and most prominent women Iowa has produced. She was vice-president at large of the International Council of Women and was a prominent member of the International Council held in London in 1899. She read a paper before this council, which is the largest organized body of women in the world. One of the New York magazines speaking of her said: "She is a broad-minded western woman who is identified with nearly all the educational, philanthropical and club work of her state, Iowa." At this conference she was invited to a seat on the platform by Lady Henry Somerset, and she had the honor of being the guest of Queen Victoria at a garden party. Mrs. Peck was a devoted member of the D. A. R. She was regent of Hannah Caldwell chapter for fifteen years. She was State regent of the Iowa D. A. R. and was honored at

the State and Continental Congresses. She was a member of the State Historical Society, of the Mayflower society, of the Daughters of 1812 and of Founders and Patriots. In 1874 she organized the Clionian Club, one of the oldest Iowa clubs and was its president for years. She was president of the Biennial Board of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs and has served on many state committees, having been especially active on the child labor committee. She was one of the founders of St. Luke's hospital and was the first president of its Board of Managers. She helped establish St. Luke's training school for nurses. She was one of the founders of the public library. She gave liberal support in money and influence to the maintenance of the Mission Kindergarten. She organized the Woman's Club of Davenport and was the first president. She was a writer of ability and contributed to magazines and periodicals. She was a delightful speaker and was often heard in conventions and conferences and on other public occasions. She is one of the few American women who had the distinction of having her portrait and name appear in "The Roll of Honor for Women," an annual biographical record of women of the world who have worked for the public good. This periodical is published in London. One friend in appreciation of her, summed up her character by saying:

"She was a woman of fine mind, great culture, sound judgment and rare insight into human nature and withal a kind heart and the tenderest womanly instincts. She was a lover of home, family and friends and though a busy woman in outside affairs, she never strained the silken cord that bound her to her own bright, happy fireside."

## MRS. A. S. HAZELTON

Mrs. Emma Higham Hazelton, daughter of Abel Highman and Anna Pierce Eaton, was born April 23, 1858, at Keokuk, Iowa. Abel Higham came from an English Quaker family and emigrated in an early day from Bolton, England. He settled first in Philadelphia where he married Anna Pierce Eaton, who descended from Francis Eaton of May Flower fame, Abraham Pierce of Plymouth Colony, the Rounsville and Howland families, and was connected with many of the most prominent families of Colonial times. In 1851 Mr. and Mrs. Higham located in Keokuk, where they made their home and both found their final resting place. Mrs. Hazelton's oldest brother, Richard Higham, was the only soldier killed at the battle of Fort Donaldson, in Co. A., Second Iowa Regiment. When a boy a lasting friendship was formed between Richard Higham and Mark Twain, which only ended with the former's death. In 1856, he with a number of the most prominent young men of Keokuk, formed the Gate City Literary Institute which founded the magnificent public library of that city.

May 16, 1888, at Keokuk, she was married to Arthur Sargent Hazelton, a promising young lawyer of Council Bluffs, and has made her home in that city ever since. Two sons were born to them, Charles Sargent and Paul Higham. Mrs. Hazelton has never been inclined to public life, and while she was for some years a member of social and literary clubs, they have been rather an incident in her life than live issues. She is a member of the Council Bluffs Chapter of the D. A. R., and has traveled quite extensively in her own country, is deeply interested in public affairs, but is not an advocate of woman suffrage.

## MRS. EDGAR W. GARDNER

Mary A. Machin Gardner was born Oct. 30, 1883, on a farm in Illinois. She is the daughter of Miller Machin, D. O., M. D., and of Kate A. Lynn-Machin, M. D. Her father was the first osteopath to practice in Iowa, locating in Keokuk in 1893. He is a descendant of Capt. Thomas Machin who placed chains across the Hudson during the American Revolution, preventing the British ships from going up the river. Mrs. Machin is descended from the Carters and Lynns, two well known Virginia families. Mrs. Gardner was graduated from the Keokuk high school in 1902 and from Knox College A. B., 1895, A. M., 1909. So far as the Knox College records show she was the only pupil to complete the full work outlined for four years residential study, in two years. In addition to literary study, she was a pupil of Mrs. Mame Barbareaux Parry and of Mrs. Elsie Barbareaux-Conser in vocal music. For five years she studied piano, pipe organ and school music. On May 9, 1906, she was married at Keokuk to Dr. Edgar Winfield Gardner. Two children have been born to them, Edgar Machin Gardner, Edmar Lynn Gardner. Mrs. Gardner is a Presbyterian, a member at large of the Daughters of the American Revolution and one of the organizing regents of Iowa. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and was one of the group who helped organize the Keokuk Young Woman's Christian Association. Dr. and Mrs. Gardner live now at Webster, Iowa, where Mrs. Gardner is president of the Board of Education. She organized there a Boys' Club which has been a successful and very helpful boys' organization. She is a young woman full of life and ambition and wherever she has lived she has had a vital interest in public welfare work.

## MRS. EUGENE HENLEY

Mrs. Louise Miller Henley of Grinnell, belongs to a family well known in this state. Her father was Col. Alexander James Miller; Supreme Judge W. E. Miller and Dr. Emory Miller were uncles and Judge Jesse A. Miller of Des Moines is her brother. She was born June 9, 1872, near North Liberty, Ia. Her father, Col. Alexander James Miller, was of Dutch Knickerbocker stock, whose grand father was one of the settlers of New Amsterdam, and owned Staten Island, until driven out by the British. A deed to this purchase is still a family possession. Col. Miller earned his title as Colonel of the Sixth Iowa Infantry during the Civil War. Mrs. Henley's mother was Mary Louise McCollm, a native of Baltimore, Md. When Mrs. Henley was five years old her parents moved to Oxford, Ia., where her father edited the Oxford Journal. She was educated in the public school and at the State University of Iowa. On June 28, 1892, she was married at Oxford to Eugene Henley, who is one of the best known educators in the State, having been superintendent of Grinnell schools since 1905. They have two daughters, Inez Louise and Margaret Kirkley. Mrs. Henley is a P. E. O., has served the Iowa Grand Chapter as organizer and corresponding secretary very efficiently. She is vice-president of the Historical and Literary Club, one of the oldest clubs in Grinnell, a member of the Art Study Club and Shakespeare Club and the City Civic League. She is a member of the Civic Com. I. F. W. C. She has written many magazine articles and in 1913 printed a series of articles on the Yellow Stone Park where she has spent several summers. These were later published in book form, and is a charming description of one of the greatest wonders of the world.

## MISS FLORENCE A. ARMSTRONG

Miss Florence A. Armstrong, teacher and journalist was born in Indianola, Feby. 12, 1884. She is the daughter of Sanford Armstrong, a pharmacist, of English descent who was born in Rutland, Vt. Her mother, Laura Van Pelt Armstrong, was born in Seesbury, Ohio. Miss Armstrong received the degree A. B. from Simpson College, and studied later in State University of Iowa and in New York City. She is the granddaughter of Daniel Hoff Van Pelt, an Iowa pioneer of a Dutch family distinguished in Holland for financial aid given to the Dutch government. From Ohio, D. H. Van Pelt and family came to Iowa in 1852, with his parents, who settled near Mt. Pleasant. Three years later he removed to Indianola, and built up an estate of fifteen hundred acres of rich agricultural land two and a half miles north of Indianola. He did much to develop the community, materially and morally, holding various local offices, and contributing heavily to bring in a railroad, to found religious work and to establish and support Simpson College. This institution six of his eight children attended.

Like all the older Iowa Colleges, Simpson has had a career of heroic struggle. In 1861, "Old Bluebird," officially known as the "Des Moines Conference Male and Female Seminary," was erected by the citizens of Indianola, on the present campus. In 1867 the seminary was raised to college rank, because of its rapid growth, and named "Simpson Centenary College" in honor of Bishop Matthew Simpson and of the Centennial of American Methodism. In the same year Indianola raised funds for the erection of a more suitable college building, the

present chapel, the oldest building now standing on the campus. Simpson has had ten presidents, and has grown steadily in usefulness and prestige. The chief growth of the institution has occurred during the last two incumbencies. Of the 650 alumni, half have graduated during the last ten years.

Of the literary societies of Simpson, the Zetaethan for women, and the Everett for men, are the oldest (1867). One of the founders of Zetaethan was Laura E. Van Pelt, mother of Florence Armstrong; a generation later, Miss Armstrong was a member and a president of the same society. She was a leader in Y. W. C. A., serving on the cabinet, 1905-06, and as an alumna member served as secretary of the Iowa State College, Ames. While scholarship and wholesome spiritual development have ever been stressed at Simpson, athletics and social life are prominent. Miss Armstrong held a high place in scholarship but had time for much interest in basket ball, playing for a season on the champion women's team. Since receiving her degree in 1906, Miss Armstrong has taught History and German at the Indianola High School, English at Iowa State College; has been editor since 1910 of *The Lyre*, the national fraternity magazine of Alpha Chi Omega, and of the two secret magazines of that Fraternity, *The Heraeum*, and *The Argolid*; edited an important work, "The History of the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity," published in 1911 to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fraternity (1910); has for several years been a feature writer for the Des Moines Sunday Register and Leader. Alpha Chi Omega (founded 1885, De Pauw University). is made up of liberal and fine arts students, and among its 2200 members are many artists, professional women, and women successful in widely varied walks of life.

## MISS NANNIE PEAIRS FULTON

Nannie P. Fulton was born in Keokuk, the daughter of Wm. Fulton and Elizabeth Dalzell, who were married in Keokuk, June 22, 1865. Mrs. Fulton died in 1898, and Mr. Fulton in 19088. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were born in Pennsylvania, coming to Iowa in the early 60's. Miss Fulton has been the very efficient librarian of the Keokuk public library since 1896. The library is one of the oldest in the state, having been founded in 1863 and been a free library since 1894. James L. Rice gave the first \$10,000 which made the library possible. Miss Fulton is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church in which her father served as Deacon and Elder for forty-one years, and of which her mother was a devoted member for forty years. She is descended from an unusual lineage. The name Fulton was originally a Scotch-Ayreshire name, this line having crossed to Ireland and then to America. Her great-great-grandfather, Abraham Fulton, came to America, to Westmorland Co., Penn., in 1772. Her great grandfather, Robert Fulton, served in the War of the Revolution; her grandfather, William Fulton, served in the War of 1812. Her maternal grandfather, William Dalzell, came to America from Belfast, Ireland in 1824. He married Jane Dalzell, another branch of the same family. The origin of the name Dalzell, and the coat of arms is traced historically to the time of the reign of Kenneth II, King of Scotland in 853. The name originally was De Dalzell, meaning, "I dare," and many heroes of Scottish history bore the name. Miss Fulton has two brothers and a sister: Robert Dalzell Fulton, Portland, Ore.; James McQueen Fulton, Keokuk; Mrs. Elizabeth Fulton Paterson died June 13, 1908.



## MRS. NORA BABBITT HARSH

Mrs. Nora Babbitt Harsh was born in Ypsilanti, Mich., the daughter of Judge J. Willard Babbitt, who has in his line of ancestry two presidents of Harvard College. Her mother, Florence S. Babbitt, has a national reputation as a collector of antiques. The legislature of Michigan recently made an appropriation for glass cases to contain her collection of twenty-five hundred pieces of antique china at Lansing. She has collections in Kent Museum, Grand Rapids, at Detroit and in the State Normal College at Ypsilanti. Dr. Gunsaulus purchased in 1914, her collection of thirty cover lids, probably the largest single collection in the United States, for the Chicago Art Museum. Mrs. Harsh received her musical education at the Michigan State Normal Conservatory and in the Ann Arbor University School of Music. She later took lessons in voice with teachers in New York and Boston. She has taught voice in a number of cities and came to Iowa in 1899, and opened a conservatory in Creston, which was very successful. She was married Sept. 2, 1903, to F. D. Harsh. They have one daughter, Nancy Babbitt Harsh, born in Des Moines, July 2, 1904. Mrs. Harsh is interested in all the musical organizations of Des Moines, which city is her home. She has for a number of years been chairman of the musical department of the Woman's Club, president of the Woman's Club Chorus, which is limited to forty voices and includes the principal soloists and semi professional singers of the city. She inaugurated in 1913 a series of Sunday afternoon concerts. The principal singers of the city appeared on the program, which were of the highest merit. It attracted very wide attention

and letters were received from musical people all over the United States regarding the management of such a course. To make it a success The Des Moines Musical Association was organized with Mrs. Harsh as president. Every interest is represented in the association; on its board is the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the city, prominent business men, ministers, and musicians. The concerts have been a wonderful agent to educate the general public musically. She is very anxious that Des Moines shall have a permanent orchestra and has bent every effort to bring it about. Mrs. Harsh has written for many periodicals; she is the Des Moines critic for the Chicago Musical Leader, and is Iowa Editor of *The Clef*. She is a member of the Newspaper Women's Club. Her daughter Nancy is named for her great-grand mother, Nancy Harsh, who was born in 1810, and who lived to be 103 years old. She was a resident of Creston and a wonderful woman. She was a handsome old lady, charming in her manner, with every faculty keen to the time of her death which was occasioned by a fall. In 1910 when she was one hundred years old, a reception was given in her honor at the home of her son, Hon. J. B. Harsh, to which all the residents of Union county were invited. Hundreds of people called that day to pay her honor. When she was a little girl she was one of twelve to strew flowers in the way of Genl. Lafayette on his visit to this country. Her picture hangs in the Iowa Historical Building.

## MRS. MARY T. WATTS

Mrs. Mary T. Watts of Audubon is president of the American Baby Health Contest Association, and the woman to whom the world gives credit for originating the idea of Baby Health Contests. At the Iowa State Fair in 1911, for the first time in any state a baby health contest was held. Mrs. Watts has been asked many times how she came to think of the plan and this is her reply: "One day, two years ago, I attended our county fair," said Mrs. Watts. "I stood at the booth, which I was supervising, listening to the talk that drifted in snatches of prizes won on pigs, sheep and cattle—the same talk that I had heard at every fair for ten years. Suddenly I became conscious of how often I had heard this talk of the wonderful improvement that had really been made in the conditions of live stock in that length of time. Just at that moment a woman with a fretful baby in her arms stopped near me to rest. A child of about three years clung to her skirts with one hand and with the other fed herself with a large under-ripe banana. Three other children, brothers and sister, clambered about in imminent danger of broken necks and tramped toes. One might label the picture, I thought, an average family on a holiday. As I looked back I saw myself and my brothers and sisters forty years ago, no better—no worse. Measles, mumps and whooping cough would be a part of these children's lives as it had been of mine. If they lived through these necessary evils, without too great loss of vitality, they might grow to manhood and womanhood. Then I began to think that this family would probably mean five more families of the same kind—possibly with less endurance,

“A friend interrupted my thought to invite me to go to the stock barns with her where the premiums had just been awarded. Blue ribbons and red ribbons showed bravely on the stalls. Every animal in the clean, well ordered cattle and hog pens had been fed and groomed with utmost care. A man pointed with pride to a pen of hogs, and told us that they had been watched almost night and day; that the water they drank had been analyzed, their food measured and weighed and only the kinds given them that would bring results. It was then that the idea of the babies’ health contest for our next state fair was born.

“When the thought really became something tangible I wrote to Dr. Margaret Clark of Waterloo, asking her to try to make a score card. This she did and together we planned the details of the first contest at the Iowa State Fair. Miss Neale S. Knowles of Iowa State College granting the use of the rooms in the college building on the fair grounds and contributed five dollars as a first prize. The Mothers’ Congress of Iowa financed this contest to a large extent and assisted in various ways to make it a success, in fact I worked under the auspices of the congress and Mrs. B. F. Carroll who was president at that time was an enthusiastic supporter.”

This first contest was put on for eighteen dollars, the next one cost five hundred dollars.

In 1913 she asked the legislators of Iowa for an appropriation of \$75,000 to erect a building on the state fair grounds, to promote the welfare of “Iowa’s greatest crop,” the babies. The appropriation was allowed and Iowa is the first state to recognize this campaign and to erect a child welfare building. Mrs. Watts has assisted many contests by mail in all parts

of the United States and Canada. She has personally assisted in contests in many cities, at county fairs, chautauquas, Armour's Institutes, etc. She has written scores of articles for magazines and newspapers. For only one of them has she received pay, all the others have been given in the interests of the cause. She has been an active club woman in her home city, has been vice president two years and president two years of the Iowa Congress of Mothers. She says her life "has been happy and uneventful." One might think that it was an "event" to have started a world-wide movement which is bound to result in a better and stronger race.

She was born in Andalusia, Ill. She began teaching at the age of sixteen and taught until she was twenty, when she was married to F. S. Watts, a clerk in the First National Bank of Audubon of which he is now a stockholder and cashier. They have two sons, both of whom were graduated from the University of Chicago and are now successful business men.

Mrs. Watts ancestry is as follows:

Maternal grandmother, Jane Barlett, born in Pennsylvania, Dutch descent; Maternal grandfather, Daniel Barlett, born in Pennsylvania, Dutch descent; Paternal grandfather, Daniel Terrill of English descent; mother, Helena Barlett, born in Conneautville, Penn.; father, John Terrill, born in Elizabethtown New Jersey; Mary Elizabeth Terrill Watts, born, Andalusia, Ill. (one of six girls and one boy, all living) January 19, 1864.

## MISS HARRIET ISADORA LAKE

Miss Harriet Isadora Lake, Vice-president General National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was born in Independence, the daughter of Col. Jed Lake, a prominent Iowa lawyer, and Sarah Meyer Lake, descended from many old New England families, viz: Lake, Waldo, Adams, Dimmock, Abbott, Church, Blakeslee, etc. She was graduated from the Independence high school, later attending the University of Michigan and the Boston School of Expression. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. For two years she was corresponding secretary of the Iowa Federation of Women's Club and for two years she was General Federation state secretary. She started the federation loan fund in the third Congressional District in 1909, it was adopted as a work of the state in 1911. Miss Lake was chosen treasurer of the Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee in 1911, and served until 1913, when she was chosen chairman, which position she now holds. She is one of the best known Iowa women among the Daughters of the American Revolution. She organized Penelope Van Princess chapter, June 3, 1903, and was its regent until 1910. She was elected Vice-president General of the national society at the Continental Congress held in Washington, D. C., April, 1911, which position she still holds. She is a D. A. R. by virtue of the services of Henry Lake, Capt. James Blakeslee, Malachi Church and John Waldo. Is a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames, through the service of Capt. Samuel Adams of Massachusetts, son of Henry Adams, emigrant ancestor of the Adams' family. She was state regent Iowa D. A. R., 1908-10.

## MRS. ELIZABETH SAMPSON NORRIS

Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson Norris, of Grinnell, widow of D. W. Norris, a once prominent attorney of that city, who died in 1907, is now serving her fourteenth year as member of the Iowa State Library Commission and should be addressed as the mother of the Library Commission in Iowa, if that title could rightfully belong to any one person more than to another. It was Mrs. Norris, as chairman of the library committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, who inspired the federation at its biennial in Burlington in 1899 to demand a state commission and it was through the influence of the club women of the state that the commission was finally created by the legislature. Governor Shaw then appointed Mrs. Norris as one of the members of the first commission.

Before becoming identified with the state library work Mrs. Norris had interested a wealthy neighbor and his wife in public library work in Grinnell to such a degree that they gave to their city the Stewart library, of Grinnell. Besides her library work Mrs. Norris has been active in club and hospital work. She was a charter member of the "Historical Club" of Grinnell, organized in 1882, of which she was later president. She has been president of the "Priscillas" and chairman of the executive board of the city hospital association as well as treasurer of the cemetery association. Mrs. Norris is a type of Iowa's self-made women. Born of educated and intellectual parents at Elgin, Ill., Aug. 20, 1852, adversity threw her upon her own resources at the age of sixteen, when at seventeen years of age she was teaching primary grades in the schools of Tama, Iowa. Her father, Edmund Gifford,

a Harvard law graduate, lawyer, local judge and president of the school board at Elgin and later pay master in the union army, was an advocate of the synthetic or word method of instruction before the war, which method was used by Mrs. Norris in her school work at Tama long before it gained its popularity of today.

Mrs. Norris married David W. Norris, then superintendent of the Tama schools and graduate of Grinnell College, at Tama, Dec. 23, 1874, and shortly afterward located permanently in Grinnell where six children were born to them, three of whom are now living. D. W. Norris, Jr., the eldest, is the editor of the *Times-Republican* at Marshalltown; P. G. Norris, the second son, is judge of the superior court at Grinnell, and Lucy Elizabeth Norris-Cartwright is the wife of T. C. Cartwright, a lumber merchant of Marshalltown, where Mrs. Norris now makes her temporary home.

Teacher at seventeen, later mother of six children, the daughter of a Harvard law graduate and mother of another, wife of a Grinnell College graduate and mother of two graduates from the same college, it is not strange that this self-made woman in her public activities should have found her interests in the public library movement of her day and it is an evidence of her strength of character that she has been able to see works of lasting public benefit come from the purposes which she has pursued.



## MRS. CHARLES E. PERKINS

One of the most interesting women in Iowa, and certainly one of the most charming, is Mrs. Chas. E. Perkins of Burlington. She is a woman whom one would notice in a thousand, a woman of striking personality, and gracious manner. Mrs. Edith Forbes Perkins was born March 4, 1843, in Boston, Mass. She is the daughter of Commodore Robert Bennett Forbes and Rose Smith. Her father in 1847 took the ship *James-town*, which the U. S. Government loaned him, to the famine sufferers in Ireland, loaded with a cargo of food furnished by the merchants of Boston. She was educated in the schools of Boston. In 1864 in Milton, Mass., she was married to Charles E. Perkins, at that time a clerk in the offices of the Burlington and Missouri River R. R. Mr. Perkins was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the age of nineteen (1859) came to Burlington and began his connection with the corporation of which he later became president. His biographer says of him: "He has earned and won by superior executive ability, energy and fidelity to the trust reposed in him, an honorable promotion through all grades of service, from that of clerk in the treasurer's office, at thirty dollars a month to the position as chief executive of one of the greatest railway systems of the country." He was promoted to the superintendency in 1865, when the road extended from Burlington to Ottumwa, a distance of seventy-five miles. Since that time there has been constructed a net work of railroads from Chicago to the Pacific Coast. In the creating of this great system Charles E. Perkins had a very large part. For twenty years, to the time of his death, he was president of this great system. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins: Mrs. Elsie P.

Hooper, Robert F. Perkins, Mrs. Edith P. Cunningham, Mrs. Margaret P. Rice, Mrs. Mary P. McIlvain, and Charles E. Perkins. In 1867, Mr. Perkins purchased what was known as the Dill farm on the edge of Burlington. On this place Benjamin Tucker, a pioneer and a pedagogue, had built a log cabin and planted an orchard of apple trees, the first orchard in that section. They moved to this cabin, which, through all the years they have kept practically intact, and it still forms their principal living room,—“the heart of the house.” At the coming of each child they enlarged the house by adding a new building, which has made a rambling mansion, with wings and additions and porches—a wonderful house, unlike any other. It has been named “The Trees,” and is filled with most exquisite treasures. It is a rare privilege and one never to be forgotten to be a guest in this house. Each room has its own characteristics. One room is filled with the possessions of Mrs. Perkins’ mother, brought from the old home in Boston. The beautiful rose wood and mahogany furniture would fill with longing the heart of one who loves antiques. Everywhere about the house there are books, books, books. There are books of history, sociology, books on music, books on art with exquisite illustrations, all giving evidence of Mrs. Perkins’ wide reading and of her knowledge along many lines. But the books she has made herself are the most interesting of all. For each year she makes a Christmas book of all the letters and notes of greeting which come to “The Trees.” She has a set of books on the Indians which have not their parallel anywhere. Her guest book which has been kept for years contains the names of many distinguished people.

## MRS. CHARLES ADELBERT GIBBS

Mrs. Lola Elizabeth Gibbs of Greenfield was born at Henry, Ill., Sept. 6, 1869. She is the daughter of Edward Payson Faris and Fausta C. Scholes. Her father was a native of West Virginia, his ancestors having fought in the Virginia troops in the Revolutionary War. He served for three years in the Civil War. Her mother's ancestors came to America from England in 1825. After completing a course in the Greenfield high school she taught for several years. On Sept. 3, 1890, she was married at Henry, Ill., to Charles Adelbert Gibbs. They have four daughters: Edna Lillian, Fausta Louise, Gertrude Irene and Mildred. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Wednesday Afternoon Club, and has served several terms as its president. It is a village improvement club and has accomplished a great deal to beautify Greenfield and to better its sanitary and civic conditions. She is a member of the P. E. O. chapter and has served as its president for several years, and has been a member of several state conventions. She is also a member of the O. E. S., and has filled several offices in the local chapter. While she has always been a very helpful agent in every movement which has been for the betterment of the little city in which she lives, her greatest interest has been in her home and family. In religious faith she is a Presbyterian and is a woman of very strong character.

## MRS. WILLIAM LOGAN

Mrs. Sarah J. Jackson Logan was born July 30, 1849, at Nauvoo, Ill. She is the daughter of Archibald Jackson and Katharine Little. Her father was a native of Scotland, born at Glasgow, and came to America in 1833 in a sailing vessel, the ocean voyage taking nine weeks. On Dec. 26, 1872, she was married to William Logan, a young man, who in later years has come to be a financier and a promoter of many great interests. One of the greatest works in which he had a part was in the Keokuk & Hamilton Water Power Co., through whose efforts the greatest power plant in the world, was developed at the Des Moines rapids in the Mississippi River at Keokuk. On July 6, 1899, the late Charles P. Birge called together twenty-five prominent men of Keokuk and Hamilton to organize a water power company. Seven men of the twenty-five were chosen as directors: C. P. Birge, Sam M. Clark, A. E. Johnstone, Judge William Logan, Edmund Yaeger, R. R. Wallace and S. R. Parker. The next day the Keokuk & Hamilton Water Power Co. was organized. C. P. Birge was chosen president and R. R. Wallace, secretary. With the aid of Senator W. B. Allison, Col. B. F. Marsh, Thomas Hedge and W. P. Hepburn, and many others of the U. S. Congress, the necessary legislation was passed in 1905, permitting the work to be done in the river. Judge Logan, John N. Irwin and A. E. Johnstone made a trip to Washington in January, 1905, and presented the case in person which was the means of securing the necessary legislation. On April 1, 1905, the stockholders of the company assigned all their stock to John N. Irwin, A. E. Johnstone, Wm. Logan and C. P. Dadant, giving them full authority to

sell or dispose of it and the franchise in any way they saw fit. They issued a prospectus of 30 pages, telling of the possibilities of this power, which was given wide circulation. In September, 1905, Hugh L. Cooper, who was building a power plant at Niagara came to Keokuk, looked over the situation and decided he could build the dam, and accordingly a contract was made with him, Sept. 15, 1905. From that date until Jany. 10, 1910, when the first shovel full of earth was thrown beginning the work, Mr. Cooper sought capital to carry on the enormous enterprise. He finally secured capital and the great work was completed May 31, 1913, Judge Logan being interested in the project through all the years and is a director of the corporation. He is president of the State Central Savings Bank of Keokuk, and of the Iowa State Ins. Co. He owns banks at Glenwood, Queen City and Downing, Mo. He owns large tracts of land in Missouri and has many additional business interests. Two children were born to Judge and Mrs. Logan: William Archibald Logan, who died in 1905, and Eva Isabel, who is Mrs. James Huiskamp of Keokuk. Mrs. Logan is a member of the Congregational church and a faithful worker in all of its agencies. She was vice-president of the Keokuk Woman's Club, and is a director of the Civic League. She is interested in every measure for public good.

## MRS. F. M. HUBBELL

One of the most beautiful homes in Des Moines, surrounded by a great lawn, shaded with forest trees, and filled with beautiful things gathered from every country in the world, is presided over by Mrs. F. M. Hubbell. She is a woman of gentle manner, gracious and kind to all who enter the wide portals of her home. She was born near Toledo, Ohio, in 1840, and came to Iowa in 1845 with her parents, Isaac Cooper and Caroline Armstrong Cooper. Her father was a nephew of J. Fennimore Cooper, the novelist. They lived the life of the pioneers, and with strong hearts and great courage did their part toward laying the foundation which made possible our Iowa of today. On March 19, 1863, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell were married in Des Moines and began life in a very unpretentious way. In March, 1913, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, the pleasure of which occasion was shared by hundreds of friends. In those fifty years through diligence and good business judgment Mr. Hubbell has come to be the richest man in Iowa. They have three children: Frederic Cooper Hubbell, Beulah C. Hubbell, now Countess Wechtmeister of Sweden, and Grover Cooper Hubbell. They have six grand children: Frederic Winson who made Harvard in three years, and James Winson now a Harvard student, both sons of Frederic C. Hubbell. Their daughter who is married to Count Wechtmeister, a diplomat from Sweden, now stationed at Cairo, Egypt, has a son five years old who will take his father's title. The youngest son, Grover Cooper Hubbell, has three little daughters: Frances Cooper, Virginia and Mary Belle. Mrs. Hubbell is an ideal mother and home maker. She has traveled the world over many times, which has only served to strengthen home ties.

## MRS. W. R. LAW

Mary Makepeace Morris Law was born in Atlantic, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph Robert Morris and Edith Nichols. Her father is descended from Robert Morris of colonial fame. Her mother's ancestors came from England to Massachusetts in 1635. William Makepeace Thackeray, the English novelist, belonged to one branch of her mother's family. She received her preparatory education in the Atlantic High School, was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1904, with the degree Ph. B. She is a member of three sororities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Beta Kappa and Epsilon Tau, a senior girls' sorority, at the State University. After graduation she taught for several years, Latin and German in the Carroll High School, and English in the Iowa State College at Ames. On Oct. 2, 1910, she was married at Atlantic, Iowa, to William Robert Law, a successful attorney of Waterloo. They have one son, Robert Morris Law, born June 12, 1912. She is a member of Priscilla Alden chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, having joined on the service of William Makepeace. She is a member of the Literary and Fine Arts Department of the Waterloo Woman's Club and of the Fortnightly Club and of two social clubs, the Monday Needle Work Club and the Thursday Auction Bridge Club. In religious faith she is a Congregationalist. She is fond of out-door sports and is an expert tennis player. She enjoys society and has traveled extensively in this country.

## MRS. B. B. GRIFFITH

Mrs. Lilian Long Griffith was born at Otley, Marion county, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1865. The daughter of Columbus Long, and Mary Baldwin. Mrs. Griffith received her education in the public schools at Otley, in the Pella High School and at Central University.

At seventeen she became a teacher and taught for five years, part of the time in the city schools of Harlan. She resigned her position to be married to B. B. Griffith, Jr., a Harlan clothing merchant, Jany. 12, 1888. They have one child, Harry B. Griffith, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. In religious faith she is a Congregationalist. She has always been an active worker in the church and in the Women's Auxiliary, but her greatest interest has been in Sunday School work and her classes of boys have received her best efforts for good. She is a member of the Harlan Literary Club and of the Women's Union. She has served in all the offices of the local Eastern Star chapter, being Worthy Matron for two years. In P. E. O. she has for years been an enthusiastic and active member, serving for two years as president of chapter AP. For three years she served as organizer of the Iowa Grand Chapter, then as First Vice-President, and in 1914, was elected President, the highest honor which the State chapters can confer. Mrs. Griffith is not a woman with particular fads or fancies, but believes in doing her best at all times and under all circumstances. Her influence for good during her years of teaching, in her home, in her church work, and in her devotion to the interests of Iowa P. E. O. will stand as a testimonial to her true worth as one of Iowa's women.



## MRS. HENRY J. HOWE

One of the most popular women in Iowa and one who merits the popularity is Mrs. Henry J. Howe of Marshalltown. Anna Belknap Howe was born May 14, 1849, at Randolph, Vermont.

She is the daughter of Lorenzo Belknap and Betsy L. Austin. She is a descendant of Sir Robert Belknap, Chief Justice of England, under Edward the Second, 1357. She was educated at Northfield Academy, Northfield, Vt. On May 31, 1876, at Northfield she was married to Henry J. Howe. She is a member of the Congregational church. She has served as president the following local clubs: Twentieth Century, Woman's Club, Marshalltown Federation of Women's Clubs, Hawthorne, and Witengamote. She was president I. F. W. C. in 1895-97, being the second president of the state organization. She is now Honorary president. She is chairman of the Scholarship and Loan Fund Com. I. F. W. C. She is a member of the Iowa Society of Colonial Dames. She has served the Spinning Wheel chapter D. A. R. as its regent. She joined D. A. R. on the service of Simeon Belknap. She is president of the Marshall Co. Historical Society. Has served the Iowa Library Association as its president. For eleven years she was president of the Marshalltown Public Library. She has served the National League of Library Commissions as vice-president. Since 1904 she has been a member of the Iowa Library Commission. In 1904 she had the honor to be a member of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee of the Iowa Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. She has contributed to Iowa's Literary History by compiling "A List of Iowa Authors." Mrs. Howe is typical of the very best among Iowa women.

## MRS. HENRY GOSS

Eva Drake Goss was born in Drakeville, Iowa, the daughter of General Francis Marion Drake, who was the fourteenth Governor of Iowa, and Mary Lord Drake. Her father was one of the great men of Iowa, a soldier and patriot, a statesman, a great financier and a most generous philanthropist. He was born on Dec. 30, 1830, in Schuyler county, Illinois, and died in Centerville, after having lived a life full of honor and usefulness. In 1855 he was married to Mary Jane Lord a woman of the noblest impulses and highest Christian character. She died in 1885. To them were born six children: Frank Ellsworth, John Adams, Amelia (Mrs. Theodore P. Shontz), Eva, the subject of this sketch, Jennie (Mrs. John L. Sawyers) and Mary Lord (Mrs. George W. Sturdivant). Mrs. Goss spent her early life in Centerville, where the Drake home was the center of social life, and open always to guests and whose hospitable roof at one time and another sheltered men and women of state and national fame. She was married Oct. 30, 1881, to Henry Goss, a prominent business man of Centerville, who died June 12, 1908. They have one son, Joseph Marvin Goss. She is a member of the Church of Christ. For many years she has been a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood. After the death of her husband she lived abroad for several years, and now has a residence at Pasadena, California.

## MISS MAISY B. SCHREINER

Among the unusually successful teachers of Iowa is Miss Maisy B. Schreiner, who brings to her profession an unusually vigorous mind and a sympathetic understanding of boys and girls, which is one secret of her success. She is a high school teacher and in a single season has been offered positions in six different cities, unsolicited. She was christened Mary Boone, being named for her great grandmother who was a descendant of Daniel Boone of Kentucky. Her father was the Rev. E. L. Schreiner, who for forty years was a prominent minister of the Methodist church in this state. Her grandfather, Theodore Schreiner, was for many years a minister of the Lutheran denomination and for twenty-five years was Grand Tyler of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, and was lovingly known by Iowa Masons as "Father" Schreiner. Her mother was Martha Ann Robinson, a daughter of the Rev. Anthony Robinson, a minister in the M. E. church for forty-three years. Miss Schreiner is a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan College, as were her father and mother and most of her kinsmen. She has taken post-graduate work in the University of Chicago and in the Leland Stanford University, specializing in Latin. She has taught in Iowa schools for nineteen years, eight years as principal of the Albia High School and six as principal of the Ames High School, and is now teaching Latin in the High School at Colorado Springs. She has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. She is an Alpha Xi Delta and a P. E. O. and one of the finest women this state has produced.

## REV. ELEANOR ELIZABETH GORDON

The Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon has exerted a lasting influence upon the lives of hundreds, indeed thousands, of Iowa people, among whom she has worked chiefly since her ordination into the Unitarian ministry in 1889. Seven years in Sioux City were followed by terms of service in the churches of Iowa City, Des Moines, and Burlington, and two years in Fargo, North Dakota. She has been secretary of the Iowa Unitarian Conference for seven years and still holds that position. For three years of this time she had charge of the field work and also edited the state paper, *Old and New*. For the last four years Miss Gordon has had charge in the winter of the Unitarian church in Orlando, Florida. This is a winter parish only and the work can be done easily by one who has a four months' vacation. Miss Gordon's work has been characterized by practical accomplishment and she has achieved her ends by her own hard work, rather than by exercising the art of getting other people to do it. She might say with the Tennessee Sheriff: "I seen my duty and I done it." She has sought results rather than personal glory. Whenever the Unitarians have had a forlorn hope it has been the rule to send Miss Gordon there because she was willing to make the sacrifice and her good sense, tact and intellectual power were counted on to put the cause right. Her most important work probably was saving the church at Iowa City, the seat of the State University. Numerous men had been trying it for many years, supported by the American Unitarian Association and had not made much impression. Miss Gordon made the Unitarian gospel respected there and gave the church its

first real grip on the university so that now it has a real reason for being. Cheerfulness and unselfishness, as well as intellectual ability of high order, have given Miss Gordon her strong hold upon the affections of the people she has served. Her preaching has always been sane and wholesome. She understands human nature and is charitable and broad in her views, so people have trusted her and been helped by her counsel. Her grasp of affairs and tactful way of getting on with people were well shown in her management of the Woman's Suffrage Campaign in the State Legislature. Miss Gordon was president of the State Suffrage Association for two years. In this work, as in all her parishes, she commanded the devoted support of loyal friends, and these friends she holds through life, for they never fail to find her friendship helpful and uplifting.

Miss Gordon was born in 1852 at Hamilton, Ill., the daughter of Samuel Gordon and Permelia Alvord. The Alvords were of English origin. The Gordons were Scotch Presbyterians, driven from Scotland under the Catholic persecution and settled in Ireland. They came to America in 1745, and the old Gordon homestead still stands in Peterborough, N. H. She was educated at the Iowa State University and at Cornell University, N. Y. Her address is Hamilton, Ill.

## MRS. SUSIE MOREING BURR HEALEY

Mrs. Susie Moreing Burr Healy who organized at Dubuque the National Society of the Women of the Civil War and was its first president, was born in Dubuque, Jany. 5, 1856. She is the daughter of Jesse Moreing and Celia Johnson. Her father was one of the very early settlers, having come with Dr. Stephen Longworthy, the first physician to come to that section of the state. He settled on a farm where their six children were born. Later he built the Illinois Central R. R. from Dubuque to Galena. Mrs. Healey was graduated from the high school and taught in the city schools for several years. June 3, 1867, she was married to Prof. David P. Burr; to them were born two children, Louie Farwell and Theodore Louis. She is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Chicago. She has lived many winters in California and during the mid winter fair in San Francisco she was superintendent of the San Joaquin county building, the largest county building on the grounds. She has been appointed to an important position by the Woman's Board of the Panama Exposition, 1914. She has been a prominent club woman of Dubuque as secretary of the city federation of clubs, president of the church federate of women, and a member of the Y. W. C. A. Directorate. Because she, a Dubuque woman, organized the National Society of Women of the Civil War, that city will always be its national headquarters. She is familiar with every section of this country, having crossed the continent forty-two times and sailed around it once. She is a business woman, having dealt largely in land, as well as in city property. She has always been a successful self-reliant woman, and yet she is most womanly in her tastes and ideals.

## MRS. J. G. HUTCHISON

Mrs. Mabel Dixon Hutchison, of Ottumwa, is the daughter of J. W. Dixon and Sallie Ann Vernon, both of Pennsylvania Quaker stock.

The Vernons came originally from Cheshire, Eng., and owned Haddon Hall, from which Dorothy Vernon eloped with Sir John Manners. Her father was a graduate of Poughkeepsie Law School, N. Y. He came to Iowa in 1856 and served two terms as representative and two terms as state senator. In 1898 she was married to the Hon. J. G. Hutchison, a very well known lawyer. He served one term on the Iowa Legislature as representative and four terms as state senator. He was a brilliant, scholarly lawyer and a man of wide knowledge of public affairs. A few years before his death Senator Hutchison had purchased a wholesale grocery establishment, of which his wife is now president and manager. She brought to this business enterprise a trained mind, a confident optimistic spirit which has made her work a success. Mrs. Hutchison is a member of the Trinity Episcopal church and for several years was leader of the boys' choir. She was a director of the first Y. W. C. A. organized in the state of Iowa at Ottumwa. She was one of the founders of the Ottumwa Woman's Club and was one of the most popular presidents the Iowa federation ever had. She is a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority, having joined in her college days at the University of Wisconsin. She has a beautiful home, containing many rare art treasures. Her home is shared by a niece, Miss Esther Hutchison, whom she has adopted and educated. Two nephews, Clarence Vernon and Ralph Vernon, are associated in her business.

## MRS. HAROLD RIVERS HOWELL

Elizabeth Myra Brown Howell was born in Fon du Lac, Wis., the daughter of Henry Purchis Brown and Maria Kesiah Hall. Her father was a graduate of Bowdoin College, Maine, and a pioneer of Wisconsin. She received her preparatory education in the Misses Martin's school for girls, and was graduated from the Northwestern University in 1890 with honors. She was one of two women in the class elected to Phi Beta Kappa, being the first woman in the University to be given that honor. Her sorority is Kappa Kappa Gamma. On Jany. 12, 1892, she was married to Harold Rivers Howell, a prominent business man of Des Moines. They have two children, Dorothy Brown Howell and Henry Adam Howell. She is a member of the First M. E. church and for ten years was superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school. She is a member of the Des Moines Woman's Club and has served on the directorate. She is a member of the Mayflower descendants, her ancestor being Gov. Bradford. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution by the service of Capt. David Brown. She has served Abigail Adams Chapter as Regent, and was State Treasurer, and State Regent for two terms. She was the first chairman of the Early Iowa Trails Committee and in 1912 with an automobile party traced the Mormon trail from Council Bluffs to Keokuk and Montrose, verifying the old survey. She is chairman of The Children of the Republic Committee of Abigail Adams Chapter, which has done remarkable service in patriotic education. She is a member of the Board of The Roadside Settlement, and of the Votes for Women Association.



## MRS. GEORGE H. JOHNSON

One of the prominent pioneer families of Cedar county, is the Wilkinson family. Philip Wilkinson came to Iowa from Indiana in 1837 and entered land located near the present town of Tipton. Here he built a cabin in which he lived alone for nine years, cutting the forest and tilling the prairie ground. In 1845 he was married to Elizabeth Anderson. The original farm has remained continuously in the family, being now in the possession of Philip Wilkinson's daughter, Mrs. Drusy Moffett and her son, Perry Moffett. The subject of this sketch, Ella Wilkinson Johnson, of Iowa City, was born April 6, 1857, the daughter of these Iowa pioneers. She was educated in the public schools of Tipton and the Iowa State University. In January, 1882, she was married at Anamosa, Iowa, to George Henry Johnson. They have one son, Ralph Wilkinson Johnson. She is a prominent church woman in the United Brethren denomination. She is president of the Iowa state branch of the Woman's Missionary Association. She is a member of the Iowa Woman's Club of Iowa City and has served as its president. She has also served the Toledo Woman's Club as its president. Mrs. Johnson is a widely read woman, one who studies and keeps abreast with the times, although she is inclined to be conservative in her views.

## MRS. JAMES B. HOWELL

One of the splendid women of Iowa who in her day was known in Washington society and in many cities of Europe was Mrs. James B. Howell. She was born in Iowa City, Oct. 29, 1829, daughter of General Jesse Bowen, who served as State Senator and as Adjutant General of Iowa. At the beginning of the Civil War he was appointed paymaster in the regular army by President Lincoln. After several years of service he resigned and passed the remainder of his life in retirement. At her father's home in Iowa City, Mary A. Bowen was married, Oct. 3, 1850, to James B. Howell, of Keokuk. Judge Howell was at that time the Whig leader of Iowa and was publisher of the Keokuk Gate City. He had been publisher of the Des Moines Valley Whig at Keosauqua, from 1845 to 1849, when he moved the paper to Keokuk and changed its name. He distinguished himself as a journalist, a statesman, and a scholar. He became U. S. Senator from Iowa and later Federal Judge of the Court of Claims by appointment of President Grant and President Hayes. He was a man of wide influence in Iowa affairs from the time he came to the state in 1841, to the day of his death in 1880. The Hon. Sam M. Clark, one of the most brilliant writers Iowa has produced, said of him: "We have seen Judge Howell's life from the earth side of view where we stand with the general lookers on; and then from the moonside of Browning's fine fancy—that other side of a character which is its sacred own, and which those who look only at the public side can never know. So we know him well enough to know that it takes no charity to judge him. There is nothing to forgive and nothing to forget as to his charac-

ter. \* \* \* We are disposed to hold him the most sagacious man we have ever known; the wisest in his judgment of men and events. While a man of affairs, he was a man of books; his reading was large and accurate, \* \* \* and finally James B. Howell was a supremely honest man." Seven children were born to Judge and Mrs. Howell, three of whom died in infancy. A son, Jesse B. Howell, died at the age of 45 years. He succeeded his father in the management of the Keokuk Gate City and for twenty-five years was its able business manager. Three children are still living: Miss Lida Gordon Howell, in whom are embodied the traditions of her family, a scholarly woman of the highest culture. Col. Daniel Lane Howell, U. S. A., and Capt. James Fredrick Howell, U. S. A. Mrs. Howell's life was a very full one. From her childhood she was associated with people in public life, for in her father's home in the territorial days were gathered the men who made the early history of this state. She had always a vital interest in her husband's career, and her fine tact and charming manners made her a helpmate indeed to her talented husband. She had a knowledge of business and politics which would have done credit to a man, and yet she was always womanly, full of sentiment, and high ideals. Her residence in official Washington society and in the capitals of other nations made her familiar with the usages of cosmopolitan society, and yet her heart was always in her home and its interests. She was a strikingly handsome woman and a woman of great dignity. She died June 17, 1903, in Keokuk, which had been her home for more than half a century.

## MRS. ROGER S. GALER

Mrs. Laura Bowman Galer was born in Carroll, May 12, 1877. She is the daughter of Truman Lewis Bowman and Anna Hubbard. Her ancestors on both sides have been Americans since 1650 and have fought in 1776, 1812 and 1861. Her great grandfather, Godfrey Bowman, of Pennsylvania, was one of the eight men who carried Commodore Perry from ship to ship during the battle of Lake Erie. Her mother's mother was a Hale of Connecticut of the same family as Nathan Hale and Edward Everett Hale. Mrs. Galer is a graduate of the Boston High School, of the Iowa State Normal, B. Di. 1900, of Radcliffe B. A. 1904, and of the Rider Divinity School, B. D. 1911. She was a member of the faculty of the Iowa State Normal School 1904-'09, of Lombard College, 1909-'11. She was pastor of the Universalist church of Markesaw, Wis., 1911-'12. She is now pastor of the Mitchelville, Iowa church and vice-president of the Iowa Convention.

In 1912 she was married to Roger Sherman Galer at Wellesley Hills, Mass., a well known lawyer of Mt. Pleasant, which city is their home. Mr. Galer's parents were pioneers of southeast Iowa. He received the degree M. A. at Iowa State University, later studying law. Mrs. Galer believes very sincerely in equal suffrage. She is a woman of the keenest intellect, and one of the most delightful public speakers among the women of Iowa. She thinks as she talks, and holds the interest of her audience every moment. She belongs to the Ladies' Library Association, the second oldest club in the United States. She is fond of society and has a rare faculty for making friends.

## MRS. H. E. JEWELL

"To whom it be given to dream, he can in no wise have peace, save in the recording of the vision."

Pauline Bonwell Jewell is the daughter of the Hon. John C. Bonwell of Audubon county, who served in the Iowa Legislature from 1906-'10. At the age of nineteen he enlisted in Co. F, 60th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served in Virginia and was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry in 1862; was paroled and sent to Ohio where he served with the State Militia and participated in the pursuit and capture of John Morgan in his raid through Ohio. In '64 he again enlisted in Co. A, 175th Ohio Vounteer Infantry, and served to the close of the war. He came to Iowa in 1869, to Marion county where he was married. His daughter was born and educated in Iowa and has lived here all her life. She was educated at Iowa State College at Ames. At an early age she was married to Dr. Harrison E. Jewell of Coon Rapids, where they now reside. There are three sons in their family. When a school girl Mrs. Jewell began to write verse and allegories, showing marked talent even as a child. She has written many verses since then, many of which have been published. At the time of the development of the water power at Niagara when there was a good deal of feeling over the possible destruction of the falls she wrote a book, "Wailing Waters." It is in the form of an allegory and profusely illustrated. For some time she has been at work on a series of poems, "Madonnas of the Centuries." One series has been finished and the others are in process. When finished they will be an addition to Iowa's literature.

## REV. EFFIE McCOLLUM JONES

Rev. Effie McCollum Jones of Waterloo, minister, lecturer and worker along philanthropic lines, was born near Ft. Scott, Kansas, March 29, 1869. She is the daughter of Cornelius A. McCollum, a native of Ohio, and Martha Kidwell, of Tennessee. She received her earliest schooling in the district schools of Kansas, later attending a training school in Ft. Scott. In 1888 she entered Lombard College, pursuing studies in the college department and carrying the work in Ryder Divinity school at the same time, from which she received the degree B. D. in 1892 and D. D. in 1907. She married Ben Wallace Jones, a classmate and with him was ordained to the ministry of the Universalist church in 1892. Their first home was at Waterloo where Mr. Jones was pastor of the church of the Redeemer. Mrs. Jones did missionary and supply work over the state. In 1894 they moved to Barre, Vt., where they were called as co-pastors of the First Universalist church, one of the oldest and strongest churches in Vermont. Here Mr. Jones died, Jan. 19, 1898, during an epidemic of typhoid fever, throughout which he had aided many, only to fall a victim himself. Dr. Jones remained more than six years as pastor after her husband's death. She had a wide range of influence and activity here outside her church. In 1904 she was called again to Waterloo, her husband's first pastorate. In 1910 Dr. Jones was honored by being one of the American speakers at the International Congress of Religious Liberals in Berlin. She is an officer of the Associated Charities, of the Woman's Club, W. C. T. U., P. E. O., Visiting Nurse Association and a trustee of Lombard College.

## MRS. JAMES B. DIVER

There is no more attractive spot in Iowa, than Port Sunshine, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Diver, of Keokuk. It stands on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River and is filled with treasures brought from many lands, and with family heirlooms, priceless in their association.

When Port Sunshine was built, there were no river improvements on the rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Diver have seen from Port Sunshine the building of the Government canal and locks, the steel bridge which spans the river, the dam and power house, the greatest power plant in the world. Descriptive of this last great work, the power plant, Mrs. Diver has written a booklet, "Sound Waves," which gives a graphic picture of the great work, through the various sounds which accompanied the construction. The conception is unique, and it is charmingly written.

Lorene Curtis Diver, the daughter of Julius C. Curtis and Eliza Skinner Curtis, was born in Lima, Ohio. The family arrived in Keokuk to make their home the day on which President Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, and her early memory of the nation's sorrow is very vivid.

Mrs. Diver is a descendant from the Yale family of Wales. The first ancestor recorded in the direct male line in the pedigree, was Dominus Otho, nobleman, who came from Florence, Italy to England, in 1057, A. D.

The ancestor of the maternal side of the house, was Cuneda, 415, A. D., the head of the long line of kings and princes from whom the Yales were descended.

The name, date of, and place of birth, of the line

from these two, down to Lorene Curtis Diver, is recorded and vouched for by historical records.

In December, 1869, Lorene Curtis was married to James Brice Diver in Keokuk. Two children were born to them. Their first child died at birth. Helen Curtis Diver, born Thanksgiving day, 1875, lived fifteen short years, passing in the early springtime of young womanhood.

Mr. Diver comes from a long line of honorable ancestry, prominent in Colonial affairs, and in the formation of the State of Maryland, Thomas Johnson and Thomas Brice, signers of the "Resolutions of the Committee of Observation," March 22, 1775, which antedates the Mecklenburg Resolutions and the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1900, a bronze tablet commemorating the signers was placed on the ground in Harford county Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Diver accepted the committee's invitation and went to Harford county to witness the ceremonies.

James Brice Diver is the son of Dr. Wm. Beck Diver and Lavina Brice. Dr. Diver after graduating as a surgeon, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, was sent by the American Board of Foreign Missions as a medical missionary to China, May, 1838, where he established dispensaries and hospitals in Canton, Macoa, and other coast cities. After his return to America he crossed the plains to California in 1849 as surgeon to the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Co.

James Brice Diver, engineer in steel and iron construction, bridges, viaducts, etc., (now retired), among close friends he is called, "bureau of information," a veritable court of inquiry; courteous, generous, progressive, liberal and philanthropic in his



views. Served in the Civil War, is a son of American Revolution, Shriner, Knights Templar, Royal Arch, Master Mason, Elk.

A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Diver made the tour around the world. While in Macoa, China, they visited one of the hospitals which Dr. Diver had established nearly seventy years before. When about to leave Madras, India, they incidentally learned from an Englishman of an interesting pagoda-like monument, erected in 1681, by Elihu Yale, then Governor of Madras, in memory of his son, David. For more than two hundred years this peculiar structure had stood alone on the open plain in full view from the sea, now within the compound and surrounded by the High Courts of Madras. Believing they were probably the only descendants of the Yale family who had ever seen this monument (from America at least), a young German officer who was with them took a picture of this old, old structure, with these two twentieth century tourists in evidence; while under surveillance of a native guard, suspicious of their harmless intentions. Later, while on the home stretch, circling the world, they went purposely to Wrexham, Wales, to the church, the grave of this Elihu Yale, Gov. of Madras, founder of Yale University 1701.

In England they realized they were among their own, "The mother country," after more than a year among the dark races of the far east. They enjoyed the White Man's Country, and prowled about London by themselves, making discoveries of places read about, and found the locality, then the old building where Mrs. Diver's mother's forebears had manufactured ink, Printers Ink, an ink spot on her memory not to be effaced.

Mr. and Mrs. Diver have traveled extensively through the States seeing the places of wonder and pleasure in their best seasons. In 1906-'07 they made the journey around the world. They took with them in their minds a wealth of information, and in their hearts, a love for travel, and so the journey meant vastly more to them, than the average traveler. They covered some 42,000 miles and visited 26 countries. Nothing could better illustrate Mrs. Diver's position in her home city than to give a list of clubs of which she is a charter member: Keokuk Book Club, 1883; Audubon Society of Iowa, 1886; Woman's Club, 1898; Keokuk Chapter D. A. R., 1898; The Benevolent Union, 1890; Monday Music Club, 1900; Wednesday Reading Club, 1895; Country Club; Humane Society; Sunshine Society; Civic League, 1912. Mrs. Diver was one of the organizers of the State Audubon Society in Iowa. She is devoted to the study of birds and loves nature in all its forms. The first meeting of the Keokuk Chapter, D. A. R., was held at "Port Sunshine," when the organization was effected.

## MRS. E. J. KELLER

Among the successful business women, as well as an efficient club woman, is Mrs. E. J. Keller of Salem. Emma Jane Lusk was born near Lancaster, Ohio, Feby. 2, 1853, the daughter of James Lusk and Nancy Ricketts Lusk, who came to Iowa in 1853, settling on a farm in Lee county. She received her education in the public schools and in the Denmark Academy, which was one of the first schools in that section of the state. It was a Congregational school and from its halls have gone many pupils who became successful in life above the average. She was married April 24, 1878, to D. S. Keller, of Bloomfield. They lived in Bloomfield until 1884, when they came to Salem. Mr. Keller died in 1908. For twenty-nine years Mrs. Keller has been a successful business woman. For twenty-three years she kept the books and did all the clerical work in connection with their furniture business, and since 1909 she has conducted a variety store, which has been a very successful enterprise. She is a member of the Congregational church and active in all of its branches. She was a charter member of the Salem Woman's Club, (1895) one of the oldest in the state, serving as its president and its representative at several meetings of the federation. This club founded a city library which has a splendid collection of books. Mrs. Keller has been a state officer in the auxiliary to the K. P. Lodge, the Rathbone Sisters, which was later merged in the Pythian Sisters. She enjoys travel and has visited nearly every place of interest in this country. She has a rare faculty for making friends and is a woman of the greatest kindness of heart and charity.

## MRS. GEORGE HARPEL

Mrs. George Harpel, (Almeda Brenton Harpel), State Consulting Registrar of Iowa, D. A. R., was born in Johnson county, Indiana, and came to Iowa in infancy, with her parents, James Baird Brenton and Elizabeth Glenn Brenton. Her early education was received in the public schools of Dallas county which was later supplemented by a normal school training. She taught successfully for a number of years and was deputy superintendent of schools in both Dallas and Polk counties. At an early age she was married to George Harpel, who died in 1908. Since her husband's death she has been a very successful business woman. She was a charter member of Daniel Boone chapter at Boone, being admitted on the service of three Revolutionary ancestors: Maj. James Brenton, Archibald Glenn and Jacob Rhodes. Since 1911 she has been consulting registrar of Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution. She has been a very successful officer and has an unusual knowledge of revolutionary records and of lineage books. The Iowa Historical library is said to contain the third largest lineage records in the United States. Mrs. Harpel's residence is in Des Moines where she is a member of the Woman's Club and an active worker in the City Federation. She is vice president of the Chautauqua union and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Rebecca order. Her line of ancestry in America is: Daughter of James Baird Brenton and Elizabeth Glenn; granddaughter of Rev. Henry Brenton and Esther Baird, Archibald Glenn and Lydia Rhodes. Great grand daughter of Maj. James Brenton and Mary Woodfield; Archibald Glenn and Sarah Furgison; Jacob Rhodes and Elizabeth Fenlow.

## MRS. CHARLES W. MULLAN

Prominent among the women of Waterloo and one whose history has been closely allied with the city and whose father-in-law surveyed, platted and named that city, is Mrs. Charles W. Mullan. Emma Lucy Hammond Mullan was born Dec. 15, 1851, in Paris, Oneida county, N. Y. She is the daughter of William Hammond, who came to Waterloo in 1855, and established the first bank and real estate office in that city, and the second bank of the state. Her mother was Frances Chesebro Babcock, a woman of rare beauty and grace of character. She was a gentle woman of the old type, who painted in water colors, did exquisite needle work and read carefully selected literature. She was descended from the historic Perry family. Matthew Calbraith Perry, the American naval officer, who opened commerce with Japan, was her grandfather's brother, as was also Commodore Oliver H. Perry, who defeated the British in the battle of Lake Erie. The late Rev. Maltby Babcock, who was pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church of New York, and Edward Noyes Westcott, author of *David Harum*, were cousins. Kendric C. Babcock, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of the University of Illinois, is a cousin. Mrs. Mullen was educated in a seminary conducted by Miss Anna Field, of Mt. Holyoke, and a pupil of Mary Lyon. She was married Nov. 6, 1872, to Charles W. Mullen and has four children. Chas. W. Mullen was born Dec. 31, 1845, son of Charles Mullen,, one of the first settlers of Black Hawk county, going there in 1846. He surveyed, platted and named the city of Waterloo. He and his wife, a woman of great strength of character, endured many hardships

of pioneer life. Their son was educated in the Upper Iowa University, read law with a private tutor and was admitted to the bar in 1870. He served as city solicitor, as county attorney and in 1897 was elected state senator, serving in the 27th and 28th general assemblies. He resigned in 1900 to accept the office of Attorney General, which office he held until 1913, when he was appointed Judge of the Tenth Judicial District, the position he now holds.

Mrs. Mullen is a member of the Congregational church, in which she has been an active member since she was thirteen years of age. She is a member of the Waterloo Woman's Club, the second oldest woman's club in Iowa. She is a charter member of the Fortnightly Club, a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Her life work has been to rear her family, and right well has she accomplished that task. Her oldest son, Charles Hammond, is a graduate of Iowa College, and resides in St. Paul, being department manager of the Minneapolis Dry Goods Co. Her daughter, Frances Gertrude Blair, is a graduate of Iowa College and resides in Des Moines, the wife of Mr. John Blair, First Vice President of the Des Moines National Bank. The third child, Alice May Walker, was also a student at Iowa College, is the wife of Carl R. Walker of St. Clair, Mich., manager of the Diamond Chrystal Salt Co. The younger son, Alfred William, is a graduate of Iowa College and of the law department of the State University of Iowa. He very successfully practiced his profession in Waterloo for several years when because of ill health he temporarily gave up the law and is now in the U. S. forestry service in New Mexico.

## MISS S. ELIZABETH MATHENEY

The woman who holds the record in Iowa, if not in all the United States, in the length of tenure of a state office, is Miss Sarah Elizabeth Matheney of Keokuk, who has for twenty-three consecutive years been secretary of the Rebekah Assembly I. O. O. F. of Iowa. She was born near St. Francisville, Mo., March 8, 1861. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. Matheney, came to Iowa in 1853. Her father was a shoe manufacturer and later in the retail business. Miss Matheney, after graduating from the high school and a business college, for many years aided her father in the store, and it was here she got the business training, which has made her the expert in keeping the records of the more than 41,000 members who comprise the Rebekah assembly of Iowa. When she was elected to this office in 1891 there were 74 lodges with a membership of 4,000; there are in 1914, in Iowa, 566 lodges with a membership of 41,000. She has done much to promote this remarkable advancement. Many of the laws and the improved methods in the state work are due to her insight and realization of the needs of the Degree. She is perhaps the best known woman in the organization and is a woman of great influence. The Journals of the State Proceedings which she issues annually are models of their kind. She is a devoted member of the M. E. church, and of the Bible school. She is a member of the Civic League of Keokuk and has served the organization as treasurer. Miss Matheney is appreciated, not only in her public service, but in her home, where she has ever been a most devoted daughter and sister, always ready to sacrifice her own interest and advancement for the love and care of those who were ill or needed her aid.

## MRS. DOROTHY CHRISTY KETCHAM

Dorothy Christy Ketcham enjoys the distinction of belonging to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Van Buren county, Iowa, being the daughter of Thos. Christy, who came from Harrison county, Ohio, in 1842, and Sarah Johnson Christy, who came from Fountain county, Indiana, in 1837. Her father was prominent in the commercial and political affairs of the state and county during his life. He served as County Supervisor in 1873 and as a member of the State Legislature in 1876. He organized the Farmers & Traders' State Bank of Bonaparte, Iowa, which was the first bank in the county and was active in the management of it until his death in 1887. Her mother, who is still living, now resides at Bonaparte, Iowa, in the same home where she entered as a bride sixty years ago, this being the birthplace of Mrs. Ketcham on June 16, 1876.

Miss Christy became the wife of B. F. Ketcham, Nov. 29, 1899, after which they spent a year in Donnellson where her husband was cashier of the Citizens' Mutual Bank. They came to Farmington in 1900, where they have since lived, Mr. Ketcham being the vice-president of the First National Bank of Farmington. They have one child, Helen Christy Ketcham.

Mrs. Ketcham is a graduate of the Bonaparte High School. Her ancestry on both sides for several generations back were of the Presbyterian faith, but since coming to Farmington Mrs. Ketcham affiliates with the Congregational church. She is active in society and club work. She is president of chapter O, P. E. O. She is a modest, dignified and charming woman whose influence is pronounced in behalf of all that is noble and lofty in sentiment.



## MRS. J. B. MORRISON

Toma Espy Morrison, the wife of Col. Joseph Morrison, was born in Ft. Madison, June 11, 1849, the daughter of Stephen Barlow Espy and Rebecca Cutler. She received her education in Shelbyville, Ill., Seminary, Denmark Academy, Mt. Pleasant Seminary, and at Knox College. On May 3, 1868, she was married to Joseph Blacker Morrison at Ft. Madison. To them were born eleven children: Vincent Espy Morrison of Minneapolis, Dr. William Iverson Morrison of Aurora, Ill., Genevive Marie, now Mrs. Walter G. Smith, of Chicago, Mabel Josephine, now Mrs. Robert N. Johnson, of Ft. Madison, Maria, now Madame Morrison, nun of the Sacred Heart, Omaha, Helen Louise, Sinia Lucile, Joseph Barlow Morrison of Chicago, Denis August Morrison of Chicago, Loras who died in infancy, and Virginia.

Col. Joseph B. Morrison served with distinction through the Civil War, enlisting as a private at the age of nineteen in Co. D, 7th Ia. Vols. At the siege of Atlanta he was serving on the staff of Gen. E. W. Rice, Commander of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Div., 15th Army Corps. He was brevetted Lieut. Col. by a special act of Congress for gallant and meritorious service. At the time of his death, in 1904, he was president of the Morrison Mfg. Co. He was one of the most prominent citizens, and for many years was a leader in business, social and church life. His paternal ancestor, William Morrison, came from Scotland to Orange county, N. Y. just before the Revolutionary War and served as a private soldier. He married a daughter of Capt. Crane of New Jersey. Samuel D. Morrison, his son, and the father of J. B. Morrison, came to Iowa from Ohio in

1848 and died in Ft. Madison in 1881, honored and respected by all who knew him. The Morrisons are all devoted members of the Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Morrison's father, Capt. Stephen Espy, was born at Espyville, Pa., June 8, 1827, and came to Ft. Madison September, 1846, when he entered into mercantile business and married Rebecca Cutler, Sept. 11, 1848. In 1861 he entered the service of the Union as Captain of Co. G, 115 Ill. Vol. Infantry, at Shelbyville, Ill., where he was then in business. He was killed Sept. 20, 1863, at the battle of Chickamauga. Maj. Hicks said of him in a letter from the field to the N. Y. Tribune: "Capt. Espy, of Gen. Whitaker's staff, was a very lion that day. He was advised to remain with his trains but too noble spirited for that, he went on the field and fearless of danger did wonders in cheering and rallying the men under the destructive fire of the enemy. He was one of Illinois' noble sons and his loss is severely felt." He was the son of Patterson Espy, a man of education and a lawyer by profession, who married Mercy Freeman, a quaker. Patterson Espy was the son of George Espy who was a barefoot boy at Valley Forge and was captain of a company in the War of 1812. George Espy was the son of Josiah Espy, a member of the committee of safety in the State of Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War. His father, George Espy, came to Pennsylvania from Scotland and married Jean Taylor. Jean Espy had nineteen descendants—sons and grandsons, in the Revolutionary War, and for her the Jean Espy chapter, D. A. R. is named. Mrs. Morrison's mother, Rebecca Cutler, was the daughter of Judge Jacob Cutler, who came to Ft. Madison April 7, 1836, and her mother was a lineal descendant of Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

## MRS. MAX MAYER

A woman who stands very high in her own city in social, civic, and club life, and one who leaves behind her wherever she goes friends and admirers, is Mrs. Max Mayer of Iowa City. She has spoken in many cities of the state, before clubs and conventions of both men and women, on "The New Civic Spirit," "Public Playgrounds," "The Sanitary Disposal of Garbage," and other subjects of a civic nature. She has a logical mind, is quick witted, and always very pleasing to an audience. Julia B. Mayer was born in Iowa City, Sept. 28, 1872, the daughter of Moses Bloom and Sarah Wise. Her father came to America from France at the age of seventeen, and for fifty years was a resident of Iowa City where he was a successful business man and held many positions of honor and trust. Her mother was of German ancestry and was always a great inspiration to her daughter and her close companion until her death in 1914. Mrs. Mayer was educated in Sacred Heart Convent, Omaha, St. Mary's, in South Bend, Ind., and at St. Katherine's Hall, Davenport. She was married to Mr. Max Mayer in Iowa City, March 20, 1894. One son has been born to them—Edward Bloom Mayer, who with two children of Mr. Mayer's, Florence and Lawrence Mayer, form the family. Mrs. Mayer is President of the Iowa City Improvement League, Treasurer of the Home for Aged Women, Chairman Public Playground committee, Chairman Visiting Nurse Association, member of the Art Circle, Charities Council, King's Daughters, Child Welfare Committee, Fine Arts Association, State Historical Association. For many years she has been very prominent in the I. F. W. C. as an officer and committee worker.

## MRS. G. B. McINTOSH

Rose May Tuttle McIntosh was born at Clear Lake, Oct. 24, 1857. Her parents, Marcus Tuttle and Caroline Warner, were Iowa pioneers, coming from New York to Clear Lake in August, 1855. Her father was active in the development of the city and county. He helped to lay out the city and was one of the early merchants and lumber man, later engaging in the banking business, and served his district two terms as State Senator. Mrs. McIntosh was educated in the Cazenovia Seminary in New York. On Feby. 4, 1876, she was married to Gilbert Blodget McIntosh, who is of New England birth. Among his ancestors are men prominent in the history of Massachusetts and Connecticut. He has large farming interests, and is an influential man. They have three children—Arthur Tuttle McIntosh, born March 28, 1877, Walter Gilbert McIntosh, born May 1, 1883; both successful business men in Chicago, and Eunice May, born Sept. 18, 1886, All three children were educated in the North Western University, Evanston. Mrs. McIntosh is a member of the M. E. church and active in all of its interests, particularly in the women's societies connected with it. She is a charter member of the Progress Club, which is a study club, but has also done a good deal of civic improvement work. She is a member of the Civil Service and Social Reform Committee of the I. F. W. C. and has served the federation on the State Board. For many years she was president of the Aid Society and of the Home Missionary Society of the church. She has traveled extensively in this country and spent several winters in the south. It is an interesting bit of history that Yale College is built on the homestead of one of her ancestors, Wm. Tuttle.

## MRS. BELLE A. MANSFIELD

Belle A. Mansfield, nee Babb, was born May 23, 1846, in Des Moines county, Iowa, and died at the home of her brother, Judge W. I. Babb in Aurora, Ill., August 1, 1911. Her father, Miles Babb, came to Iowa in 1837, and was killed by caving in of the tunnel of the Bay State Mining Co., of which he was superintendent, in 1852; and her mother, Mary Babb, removed to Mt. Pleasant, in 1860. Here Mrs. Mansfield attended the public schools until 1862, when she entered the Iowa Wesleyan University, graduating from it in 1866. She spent the next year in teaching in Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa.

In 1867 she commenced the study of law and was admitted to the bar in June, 1869. She had the honor of being the first woman in the United States that was ever admitted to practice law. That she was the first to be so admitted was definitely settled by an investigation of the question by a committee appointed by the Congress of Women Lawyers held in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893. She was married to Prof. John M. Mansfield, Ph. D., then Professor of Chemistry in the Iowa Wesleyan University, in June, 1898, and in 1872 she and her husband went to Europe where they remained over a year studying in London, Paris and Berlin. Upon their return she was elected Professor of English and Preceptress in the Iowa Wesleyan University in the fall of 1873, which positions she held until 1881, when she resigned to join her husband who was then Professor of Chemistry in De Pauw University of Greencastle, Indiana. From 1881 to the day of her death in 1911, she served De Pauw University in various important positions. She was first elected Dean of Woman and in charge of Ladies' Hall,

which places, in connection with others, she held for nearly twenty years. In 1886 she was also made Registrar of the Faculty and in 1890, on the resignation of Dr. John C. Ridpath, she was elected Professor of History, which place she held until 1894, when she was elected Dean of the School of Music and also Dean of the Art School. Both of these schools, up to that time had been a burden to the University financially. Such was her energy, executive and business ability that they soon became not only self-supporting, but also a source of revenue. She was an eminently effective college woman. She was a close and accurate student, a very extensive reader, and had the highest quality of social traits, so that without apparent effort she impressed her rare personality upon the entire college community. The many thousand students with whom she come in contact during her nearly forty years college work hold her name in grateful remembrance. She was always an active church worker, serving for years as superintendent of Sunday school, president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and an active worker in the cause of temperance. She was also popular as a club woman, cheerful, responding to every demand made upon her.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of the M. E. church, who was at one time president of the De Pauw University, thus summoned up her character in a letter written the day after her death:

"She was the strongest and truest woman I have ever known, and my five years' association with her at De Pauw University gave me an adequate opportunity for seeing what a brave, patient, effective worker she was. Above all else she wrought out for herself in service a splendid character. She will be much at home with God."

## MRS. THOMAS METCALF

Eva Canfield Metcalf was born in Cardon, Ohio. Oct. 5, 1853, the daughter of Delos Wilford Canfield and Saphronia Allen. She was educated at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio. Jany. 24, 1871, she was married to Thomas Metcalf at Charder, Ohio, and shortly after came to Iowa. They have three children—Thomas Delos Metcalf, Frank Arnold Metcalf and Della, now Mrs. H. H. Pinney, Llewellyn Oaks, Council Bluffs. In religious faith she is an Episcopalian, being affiliated with St. Paul's church. She is a member of the Ideal Club, a study club of which she has been president for eleven years. She is a prominent member in Iowa of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a member of the Council Bluffs chapter which was organized in 1897. She joined on the service of the following ancestors: Nathaniel Read, Lieut. Col. Samuel Canfield, Amasa Read, Thomas Canfield, Capt. Stephen Calkins, and Prince Allen. She has served her own chapter as regent and for three terms was State Vice Regent. She has served on many important committees of both the State and National society. She has had a part on the program of state conferences and has attended several national D. A. R. Congresses. She was a member of the state committee of the Iowa room in Continental Hall which planned the furnishings of that room. She has served the Iowa Federation of Women's Club on state committees. She is now a member of the Committee on Literature and Library Extension, being chairman of the Biblical Literature committee. She is a woman of ability and of gracious presence, but a woman very modest of her own attainments.



## MRS. ARTHUR W. MANN

A woman who does her duty every day, as she is given vision to see it, and whose life has always been a sacrifice to others and to the common good, is Mrs. Arthur W. Mann of Onawa. Carrie M. Foote Mann was born Sept. 25, 1865, at Fort Atkinson, Wis. She is the daughter of Elisha Lockwood Henman Foote and Ellen Cordelia Simonds. She is a direct descendant of Daniel Foote who came from England and founded Weathersfield, Conn. Nathaniel Foote founded and named Colchester, Conn. Nathaniel Foote the third was a quartermaster in King Phillip's War. Her mother is descended from Elizabeth Franklin, a sister of Benjamin Franklin. On Aug. 16, 1892, she was married to Arthur W. Mann and shortly after came to Onawa to live. She is a member of the Christian church and for sixteen years has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. For four years she has been chairman of the Eleventh District I. F. W. C. and has served on many state and general federation committees. She belongs to the Art Club and has been its president for two years. She did all the preliminary work for the organization of the P. E. O. chapter and has served as its president since organization in 1912. She was instrumental in organizing the Onawa chapter D. A. R. and has been its regent since organization in 1910. She is secretary of the Improvement League and a member of the Library Board for many years. She has written many articles for newspapers and journals. Has traveled over America, and Europe. She has spoken before many clubs and organizations on The Passion Play and other subjects.



## MRS. JULIA BALDWIN McKIBBIN

Julia Baldwin McKibbin—author, college professor and one of “God’s good women,” was born Dec. 16, 1855, in Keosauqua, Ia. She is the daughter of Charles Baldwin and Rachel Wright, who were married on the Wright farm in Van Vuren county and lived in Keosauqua for fifty-four years, celebrating their golden wedding in the old home in 1894. Her mother was a sister of Geo. G. Wright of the Supreme Court of Iowa, and later of the U. S. Senate. Another brother, Joseph A. Wright, was Governor of Indiana. Mrs. McKibbin attended the State University at Iowa City and was graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan University, B. A. and M. A. She belonged to P. E. O. when it was a college sorority, being one of the early members. On July 20, 1886, she was married in Keosauqua to Dr. Geo. J. McKibbin. One son was born to them—George Baldwin McKibbin, April 26, 1888. He is a lawyer by profession, practicing in Chicago, a young man of whom his mother is justly proud. After the death of Dr. McKibbin for several years she held the chair of history in the Iowa Wesleyan University, and was later field secretary of the Women’s Guild of Iowa Wesleyan and Dean of Women. She is the author of “Miriam,” a book which has had wide circulation, and has received favorable comment by literary critics. She has written many short stories, and serials for magazines and has done a great deal of newspaper work. She is a member of the M. E. church and a woman of staunch Christian character. She belonged to the Mt. Pleasant Ladies’ Library Association, the second oldest club in the United States, and the oldest in Iowa. She has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe and is a woman of broad culture.

## MRS. ALICE SCOVILLE MILLER

"These are her fruits, kindness and gentleness  
And gratefully we take them at her hands;  
Patience she has and pity for distress,  
And love that understands."

Alice Scoville Miller was born at Coleta, Ill., the daughter of Ira Scoville, a native of Erie, Pa., and Mary J. Bushnell, who was born at Hillsdale, N. Y. When a child her parents came to Vinton, later moving to Grundy Center and in 1898 moved to Cedar Rapids, which is still her home. She was graduated from the Vinton high school and from Tilford Academy. She also attended Cornell College, and later took a course in a business college. On Sept. 30, 1903, she was married to Harry Miller, who is a successful real estate dealer in Cedar Rapids. His parents, Leslie Miller and Caroline McKee Miller, were pioneers and prominent citizens of Vinton, Iowa. Mrs. Miller is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church. She is a member of Malta chapter O. E. S. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and is one of the prominent P. E. O's. of the Iowa Grand Chapter, having served as second vice-president 1908-'09, as recording secretary 1909-'11, first vice-president 1911-'12, and as state president 1912-'13. She is now a member of the Board of Trustees governing the P. E. O. Record, which is the official magazine of the sisterhood. The Board of Trustees are by appointment of the Supreme Chapter. In whatsoever capacity Mrs. Miller has served, she has been efficient and gracious and has merited all the honors which she has received. She has many times appeared on the program of the state and national conventions. She is a very attractive woman, one of great kindness of heart, and gentleness of spirit and yet a woman of strong character.

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## MRS. ANSON MARSTON

Mary Alice Day Marston, of Ames, was born near Gasport, Niagara county, N. Y., June 21, 1865. She is the daughter of Dudley Watson Day, Sr., and Rachel Scott Day, both of New England ancestry. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan. After her graduation she taught school for several years and was married Dec. 14, 1892, to Anson Marston, Dean of Engineering at Iowa State College. He was born May 31, 1864, the son of George W. Marston and Sarah Scott, pioneers of Illinois. Prof. Marston is a graduate of Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y., and is one of the foremost men in this country in his profession. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of the National Society for the Promotion of Civil Engineering Education, the Western Society of Civil Engineers and the Iowa Engineering Society. Under his professorship the engineering department of Iowa College has become a model for other schools. Two children have been born to Prof. and Mrs. Marston, Morrill Watson Marston, born Jany. 30, 1896, and Anson Day Marston, born May 30, 1905. Mrs. Marston is a member of the Congregational church, of the P. E. O. sisterhood, of the Club of Faculty Women of Iowa State College, of the Parent-Teachers' Association and of the Sun Dial chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, joining on the service of Abram Van Vleet and Serg. Noah Day. She has served on many committees of the state and national society and was State Regent of Iowa D. A. R., 1911-12, being a very efficient and just officer. She presided at the conference held in Des Moines, which was one of the most successful of the state conferences.

## MRS. LA VERNE W. NOYES

Ida T. Smith Noyes, the daughter of Dr. Joel W. Smith and Susan M. Wheat Smith, was born in Delaware county, N. Y., April 16, 1853, and died at her home, 1450 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Dec. 5, 1912.

Her ancestors on both sides had lived for many generations past in New England—mostly in Connecticut. Mrs. Noyes' grandparents on both sides moved from Connecticut to Delaware county, New York, where they were pioneer settlers. When Mrs. Noyes was four years old, the family moved to Charles City, Iowa, at that time a hamlet, and this was the family home for more than fifty years. She attended the public schools and later studied at the Iowa State College, graduating with honors with the class of 1874.

Mrs. Noyes was married at her father's home in 1877 to LaVerne W. Noyes, who had been a fellow student at the Iowa State College. From that date her home was in Illinois, but her many Iowa friends kept up their interest in Mrs. Noyes and noted with pride and satisfaction the leading position she attained in her new home. In her adopted state she found ample scope for the development of her unusual talents. She had great artistic ability, and, for some years, devoted the larger part of her time to the study of painting at the Art Institute, later pursuing her studies in the leading studios of Paris.

For some years Mrs. Noyes was president of the North Side Art Club, a position she filled most acceptably. She was also active in the Chicago Woman's Club, Woman's Athletic Club, and had, for some years, been prominent in the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In the work of this or-

ganization she took great interest and was particularly active in the efforts to enlighten our foreign born citizens regarding American history and government and to instill patriotism into the minds of their children. After serving as State Regent successfully for two terms, she was elected Vice-president General of the National Society, a position to which she was re-elected a short time before her death. In view of her great popularity, it was expected by many of her friends that, a little later, she would be made head of the National D. A. R. organization.

She was active in all good causes, and not only made a great many public addresses, but gave generously, both in money and personal effort, to help those in distress and to aid others in their charitable work. Besides her artistic ability she had great facility in the writing of verses. She was particularly successful in producing poems for social events—often written on the spur of the moment. Since her death a little volume has been printed containing many of these poems, and among her friends it is highly prized.

She loved travel. Not only had she visited every part of her own country, but she had made countless trips abroad, one trip encircling the globe. A pictorial record of her travels was obtained by means of her camera, and these thousands of beautiful photographs show how successful had been her artistic training.

The memory of Mrs. Noyes will be long cherished by her hosts of friends to whom she was devoted, and later generations will also learn of her good works through the generosity of her husband, who has, as a memorial to her, given to Chicago University a beautiful building to be used as a gymnasium and social center for the young women of the University.

In accepting the gift, President Judson of the Chicago University said: "The gift of \$300,000 to the University of Chicago by Mr. LaVerne W. Noyes, in memory of his wife, is an act unusual in its direct appropriateness. The generous fund is to go to build the 'Ida Noyes Hall,' a gymnasium and social center for the women students. The impress that Mrs. Noyes' life left upon the various branches of women's activities in Chicago is still fresh. The memorial at the great university will preserve its memory in the years to come. It was altogether fitting that the Board of Trustees declared in formal resolution its 'especial gratification that there is to be commemorated in the quadrangles of the university the name of a gracious and gifted woman whose rare qualities are well worthy of admiration and emulation by successive generations of our young women.' "

## MRS. OLA BABCOCK MILLER

Among the Iowa women who have that peculiar quality which for want of a better name we call "charm," is Mrs. Ola Babcock Miller of Washington. She is a public speaker of ability and writes with a delightful style. She is the daughter of Nathan Lee Babcock and Ophelia Smith, who were Iowa pioneers. She was born March 1, 1871. She was graduated from the Washington Academy in the classical course in 1890. She later attended the Iowa Wesleyan College. On May 28, 1895, she was married to Alex. Miller, who is editor of the Washington Democrat, a paper widely read in this state. Mr. Miller has a peculiar style, unlike any one else and makes one interested in reading the everyday news about people whom you have never seen or heard of before. He is the son of Peter and Barbara Somner Miller. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Somner, was a pioneer—a minister in the Mennonite church. The barn on the old farm which was used as a recruiting station during the Civil War still stands. Mrs. Miller is a member of the M. E. church. She is a charter member of the 19th Century Club, organized in 1894. She is a D. A. R., joining on the service of Samuel Rogers. She has served the I. F. W. C., on the Child Labor Com., and the Civil Service Reform Com. For many years she has been a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and has served the Iowa Grand Chapter as secretary, vice-president and president. She was one of the most popular and efficient presidents the Iowa Grand Chapter has had. She is the mother of three children—Ophelia Smith Miller, Barbara Somner Miller and Joseph Somner Miller, who died in infancy.

## MRS. WALTER McHENRY

Louisa Caroline Cummins McHenry was born in Greene county, Pa., Oct. 25, 1865, the daughter of Thomas Layton Cummins and Sarah Baird Flanniken. She is the sister of U. S. Senator A. B. Cummins and J. B. Cummins of Des Moines. Her great grandfather was Judge Flanniken, a signer of the Mechenburg Declaration, and a soldier in the war of the Revolution under Francis Marion. She was educated in the Green Academy, Carmichaels, Pa. On June 15, 1857, she was married to Walter McHenry, a prominent attorney of Des Moines, which city is her home. They have two children—Mary McHenry Williams and Harrison Cummins McHenry. In religious faith she is a Presbyterian. She is a member of the Outlook Circle, of the Des Moines Woman's Club, and of the P. E. O. sisterhood. She has served chapter Q of Des Moines, which is the largest chapter in the sisterhood, as its president. She has been state cor. sec'y. for three terms, 1909-12; vice-president, 1912-13; president, 1913-14. She is a thoughtful, painstaking woman, conscientious in all she does, and possesses a good mind, reasoning out questions logically. A. B. Cummins, who was governor of Iowa for seven years, and who is serving his third term as U. S. Senator, is her oldest brother. He is a national figure, one of the best known men of this country. Before entering politics he was recognized as one of the foremost lawyers of the state. At the age of nineteen he became self supporting, working his own way through Waynesburg College. He came to Iowa in 1869, in 1877 he came to Des Moines where he practiced law successfully until 1899.



## MRS. GEORGE W. NEEDLES

Mrs. Margaret Crosby Needles was born June 19, 1861, in Columbus, Ohio. She is the daughter of Amasa Jones and Ellen Crosby. Her great grandfather, Dr. Samuel Crosby, was a surgeon in the army under Gen. Washington during the War of the Revolution. In his honor the Centerville chapter, D. A. R., is named Dr. Samuel Crosby Chapter. Her paternal great-grandfather was also a Revolutionary soldier. On Aug. 29, 1883, she was married in Centerville to George W. Needles, editor and publisher of the Centerville Daily Citizen, which was established in 1864. For ten years Mrs. Needles has been on the staff of her husband's paper, of which her son is the business manager. She is the mother of three children—Otis Crosby Needles, Eleanor Colby and Lyman C., who died several years ago. In religious faith she is a Unitarian and is active in all the interests of the church. She is a member of the M. X. L. Club, a prominent social organization, of the O. E. S., the P. E. O. sisterhood, and of the D. A. R. She was instrumental in organizing the chapter in 1910 and has been for several years its regent. She is a charter member of the Ladies' Cemetery Association, which has a membership of fifteen. It was organized by Mrs. Geo. W. Merrett in 1898, and in that time beautiful drives have been laid out, a pergola built in the center of Bradley Memorial Park, a superintendent's home built and a white stone chapel erected. Mrs. Needles is vice-president of the association. She has served the State Society of D. A. R. two years as organizing regent and has served on state and national D. A. R. committees. She enjoys society and leads a busy life in her home and in her interest in public welfare work.

## MRS. MARY H. S. JOHNSTON

Mrs. Mary H. S. Johnston, of Humboldt, State Regent of Iowa D. A. R., and author of the History of the Iowa D. A. R., has the honor to be eligible and to belong to many patriotic organizations. Mary Hannah Stoddard Johnston was born at Red Wing, Minn., Feb. 28, 1865. She is the daughter of James Stoddard, a descendant of Elder William Brewster, who came to America in the Mayflower in 1620, and of Gov. Theophilus Eaton, founder of New Haven Colony. Her mother was Margaret Barr, daughter of Andrew and Mary Auld Barr, descendants of the Douglas and Stewart families. She was married June 27, 1888, to Robert James Johnston, cashier of the Humboldt State Bank and nominee for State Senator. She is a member of the Humboldt Woman's Club and an active worker in the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, having served it as treasurer and is now its auditor. She is a member of Mary Brewster chapter D. A. R., joining on the service of Sergt. Mark Stoddard, Capt. William Morgan, Capt. Elijah Brewster and Isreal Morgan. She has served as treasurer for the Iowa D. A. R. and is now the state regent. She is state president of the U. S. Daughters of 1812. She is a member of the Connecticut Mayflower Association, of the Colonial Dames, Founders and Patriots of America, U. S. Daughters of 1812, Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Order of the Eastern Star. She is assistant cashier of the Humboldt State Bank and is secretary of its Board of Directors. In 1911 Mrs. Johnston compiled a history of the Iowa D. A. R. from the date of its organization in 1891, and provided the funds for its publication. It is a complete history and a most generous contribution to the records of the society.

## MRS. SAMUEL YOUNKER

A brave pioneer, an exemplary mother, and a woman of broad charity, was Mrs. Samuel Younker. When the womanly virtues are summed up, they are compassed in these three—to face life, and its hardships bravely, to be a good mother and to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” Mrs. Younker embodied them all. She was born Nov. 17, 1839, in Kurnick, Prussia, and died in Chicago, April 16, 1909. Her father, Falk Cohen, was a Rabbi, a College Professor, an author, and a linguist of high standing and wide reputation. They were people rich in culture but poor in this world’s goods; the memory of that poverty, in later years, added to her joy in giving from her abundance. With her parents she came to America at the age of fifteen, taking up her residence in New York in 1854. In 1863 she was married to Samuel Younker, a dry goods merchant of Keokuk. Six children were born to them—Aaron, Nettie, Falk, Isaac, Gertrude and Marcus, who died in childhood. Mr. Younker was a very successful business man. He was one of the organizers of the B’Nai Israel church at Keokuk, the oldest Jewish church in Iowa. He died in 1879. The oldest son having moved to Des Moines in 1883, Mrs. Younker and her family moved to that city which was her home until her death. Her sons with two uncles, Marcus and Herman Younker, established the Younker store of Des Moines, which is one of the best known stores in the middle west. Mrs. Younker was a woman of great charity, a humanitarian in every impulse. She gave comfort to the sorrowing, lifted the fallen and gave courage to the disheartened. She was not one who sent her gifts by a messenger, but with the gift went her own gracious personality.

## MRS. L. F. ANDREWS

Mrs. L. F. Andrews, literary woman, one of the leading club women of Iowa, real Daughter of the American Revolution, at the age of 85, is recognized as a leader among the women of the state. She is the daughter of John Van Dalson, who was born in Newborough, N. Y. in 1702. He was a minute man and served during the whole of the Revolutionary War. He was with Washington at the battle of Trenton on Christmas night, 1776. He was in the battle of Saratoga and witnessed Burgoyne's surrender; he was in the battle of Yorktown when the new nation won its victory there. At the close of the war John Dalson was married to Elizabeth Carr at Big Flats, N. Y. Their daughter, Sophia M. Dalson, was born in Elmira, N. Y., in 1829, and came with her parents in a covered wagon to Michigan in 1835. When a little girl she became proficient in household arts, learned to spin and to do the tasks which fell to the lot of the pioneers. Her early life was a struggle for an education in a day and land where there were few advantages. She taught school at intervals to pay the expense of her education. Mrs. Andrews has been twice married. Mrs. John W. Bishop of Santa Ana, Cali., is a daughter by her first marriage, and Mr. Frank M. Andrews, the very successful architect, is a son by her second marriage. Mrs. Andrews came to Des Moines in 1864, since which time she has been a leader in society, clubs, and literary life. She was one of the first women to be given a seat in the Iowa legislature as a press correspondent. She is a charter member of the Des Moines Woman's Club, organized in 1865, and first regent of Abigail Adams Chapter, D. A. R.

## MISS MARY OSMOND

Miss Mary Osmond, for eighteen years a magazine editor, and for four years a newspaper editor, and one among the first women in Iowa elected to the office of county superintendent of schools, was born near Philadelphia. She is the daughter of William R. and Ann Samms Osmond, coming when too young to have any memory of it to Iowa. Miss Osmond lived the life of frontier people, all poor people and all working hard—laying the foundation for Iowa's prosperity. In her girlhood she was blessed by having access to books and the best magazines and newspapers; she read everything, educating herself in a large measure that way, being possessed of a vigorous mind and an insatiable desire to learn. Her father "entered" a farm at Hoperville in Clarke county, and there was little of primitive farm work that she did not learn. She attended the Southwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, for several months and began teaching school. For several years she taught in the country schools, then in the graded schools of Osceola and Murray. She was a remarkably successful teacher and was elected on the republican ticket as county superintendent of schools in Clark county, and held the office for two terms. She was the first woman to hold the office in that county and among the first elected in the state. During all those years of teaching she had been writing stories and sketches and news for various periodicals. At the end of her term of office as superintendent she decided to take up newspaper work as a vocation and became associate editor of the *Osceola Sentinel*. She later became sole editor and proprietor of the *Osceola Gazette*, a paper she started herself and ran for fifteen months when it was merged in the

Osceola Sentinel of which she was then half owner. For three years she was editor of this stiff republican paper. It was at this time that the editorship of the P. E. O. Record literally "fell into her hands." She was elected editor without her knowledge at the state P. E. O. convention in 1890. In 1891 she took the magazine, then in its third year, to Osceola and published it there for three years. She gave up the work for a few years, but in 1898 became its editor and had charge of it continuously until January, 1914. During those years she gave all her time to the magazine, having a knowledge of all the details of printing and publishing and having at some time or another done everything on the magazine from writing editorials to inking the roller. She is a practical newspaper woman with a knowledge far beyond the average man in that business. While she was editing the P. E. O. magazine, quite unconsciously to herself, she was doing something else—she was making friends in that great sisterhood of splendid women until today she has a circle of friends as wide as this nation. When she resigned as editor of the magazine the sisterhood in appreciation gave her a check for five hundred dollars and made her a life member of the national convention and of the Iowa convention. She belongs to the Iowa Press and Author's Club of Des Moines, to the Research Club of Osceola, and to the P. E. O. sisterhood. She is a member of the Christian church. For years she has believed sincerely in equal suffrage and has advocated the justice of its principles. Born of a race of abolitionists and war-haters, her sympathies inherited, seem to have turned to the love of animals, and no cause is nearer her heart than the humane treatment of animals.

## MRS. SHERMAN I. POOL

Minnie Alice Lewis Pool, of Waverly, daughter of James Sawyer Lewis and Harriet Stebbins Lewis, was born Oct. 27, 1866, in Apple River, Ill. Descended from seventeen lines of New England ancestry, noted for their piety and patriotism, many of whom bore coats-of-arms, coming to America from England about 1630, helping to found many New England towns, and being men of affairs in their towns. The Stebbinses were original settlers of Springfield, Northampton, and Deerfield, Mass., and trace back to 900 according to the Domesday Book. The Odell line is very ancient, tracing back to 795, closely related to four kings of England, William the Conqueror, Alfred the Great, Edward II, and Henry VIII; also related by blood or marriage to fifty families entitled to bear arms. The first Baron Odell was Count of Flanders, a powerful, noble family, said to have possessed a complete and unbroken record back to Priam, King of Troy, about 1200 B. C. Numerous ancestors served in King Philip's War, the Inter-Colonial Wars, French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and her father served three years in the Civil War.

One noteworthy fact in connection with Mrs. Pool's Odell lineage is that she is the 36th generation by direct descent from the first Count of Flanders, and that for thirty-two generations the line from father to son was unbroken. She has in her possession the whole line of genealogy; it is said to be correct beyond question, being founded upon documentary evidence and traced by eminent scholars and is one of the most ancient lineages on record. She belongs to the Taft-Emerson line. She and Ralph Waldo Emerson are



descended from the same immigrant ancestor, Thomas Emerson. Robert Taft, the immigrant ancestor of William Howard Taft, is also her immigrant ancestor on that line. Roger Sherman, the signer, and Ethan Allen, are both connected with her line.

Educated in the public schools of Illinois, and the State Normal University at Normal, Ill., she was, for twelve years, a successful teacher in the schools of Jo Daviess county. Married Nov. 24, 1898, at Rush, Ill., to Sherman Ira Pool of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, who is of Revolutionary descent. Member of the M. E. church. For many years an active Sunday School worker. Member of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, class of 1901; member of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, a noted historical society of Massachusetts; an ardent Daughter of the American Revolution, joining in 1901; had seven Revolutionary forefathers. In 1908 helped organize and named the Revolutionary Dames chapter of Waverly, and served four years as registrar and historian, one year as regent. During her regency, was instrumental in locating and marking the site of a pioneer fort at Janesville, Iowa, the oldest town in Bremer county. October 8, 1913, organized the Clock-Reel Chapter of Janesville. Appointed state chairman committee on Preservation of Historic Spots, N. S. D. A. R. Elected state historian at the 14th conference, Iowa D. A. R. Represented her chapter at the 22nd and 23rd continental congresses at Washington. Devoted to the best interests of the society, and particularly to its historical work.

Mr. and Mrs. Pool are antiquarians in taste, devoted to genealogical and historical research, and have made many historic pilgrimages. On one—which led them



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through the New England States, New York, and Canada, to the homes of their ancestors,—they attended a Field day of the P. V. M. A. at Deerfield, Mass., where Mrs. Pool had a prominent part in the program, at the unveiling of monuments to two of her Colonial ancestors, who were original settlers of Deerfield, 1686. They plan to take a trip every year, and an extensive one every two years. Mrs. Pool favors equal suffrage.

## MRS. ADALINE M. PAYNE

Mrs. Adaline Maria Brown Payne was born at South Champion, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1834. She is the daughter of Orville Brown and Louisa Phelps of New England stock. Her father, through his mother, a Waldo, was seventh in the line from John Alden and Priscilla of the Mayflower. She was graduated from the State Normal school at Albany, N. Y., in 1854. She was married at South Rutland, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1859, to William Pierce Payne, a Universalist minister, who for twelve years did pastoral work in Massachusetts and New York. They have one son, William Orson Payne. Coming west in 1874 Mr. Payne became principal of the Mitchell Seminary at Mitchellville, Ia., with Mrs. Payne as matron and teacher. In 1875 they moved to Nevada, Ia., which is still their home. For six years she taught in the public schools of Nevada and Boone and fifteen terms in teachers' institutes. For thirty years she has been associate editor of the Nevada Representative, a paper published by her husband and son. She has continuously done general editorial work and specialized in local history and in a department, "Words From Busy Women," she has compiled and edited many catalogues, published booklets of occasional verse and family history and has contributed to the published "History of Story county." She is very prominent in the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs. She was the first auditor and has served on prominent committees since its organization, and as district chairman. She is a member of the Iowa Press and Authors' Club, a charter member of the Nevada Woman's Club. To crown all this public service, she has through all these years practiced the household arts and been a home maker.

## MISS CORA ELLEN PORTER

Miss Cora E. Porter, county superintendent of schools and prominent Iowa teacher, was born in Washington, Iowa, the youngest of a family of six children, daughter of Charles Robert Porter and Ellen Keating. Her father was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, and her mother in County Down, Ireland. They were married in Washington, Dec. 6, 1854. Miss Porter was educated in the public schools and in the University of Colorado. She began teaching in the district schools, then in the Washington grammar school, and then to the position of teacher of mathematics in the Washington high school. In 1902 she resigned her position and spent a year in Colorado. Upon her return to Iowa she was elected superintendent of schools of Washington county, which office she held for five years. During that time she raised the standard of requirement for teachers and also secured better salaries for the teachers in that county. She published a Journal for the teachers and school officers of the county, which was an innovation very much appreciated. She realized that a public office is a public trust and all her duties were performed in adherence to that truth. She was held in highest esteem by the teachers, and at the first teachers' conference she was presented with a handsome diamond ring as a token of their appreciation of her work. In 1909 she accepted the position as teacher of mathematics in the Fairfield high school, which position she still holds. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Fortnightly Club of Washington, the P. E. O. sisterhood, the Iowa State Teachers' Association and of the South Eastern Iowa Teachers' Association. She has often appeared on their programs,

## MRS. BENJAMIN F. SHAMBAUGH

Bertha M. Horack Shambaugh was born in Cedar Rapids, Feby. 12, 1871. Her father was Frank J. Horack and her mother Katherine Mosnat, of whom her daughter says: "Anything that I have done in the past and all I hope to do in the future is due to her inspiring guidance."

Mrs. Shambaugh was educated in the State University of Iowa, having been graduated in 1893. She is a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was married in Iowa City, Aug. 11, 1897, to Prof. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, head of the department of Political Science in the State University of Iowa and Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa. She is a member of the First Unitarian Church, of Iowa City, secretary of the board of trustees and superintendent of the Sunday School. She is a member of the N. N. Club, one of the oldest literary clubs of the city and the first to join Iowa State Federation. She is a member of the Iowa Press and Authors' Club and has served it as vice-president. She is a member of the committee on education, I. F. W. C. For three years she was head of the department of Biology of the Iowa City high school. She is an author of marked ability and wide reputation. She is the author of "Amana; The Community of True Inspiration," published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, which gives a picture, historically true, of that unique settlement in Iowa. She has written many stories and nature sketches for magazines which she herself has illustrated. She has contributed to the Midland Monthly, The World Today, Hastings' Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics, Our Animal Friends, The Churchman, The Interior, The Outlook, Youth's Companion.

## MRS. ADA LANGWORTHY COLLIER

Among the Iowa women of unusual literary attainment is Mrs. Ada Langworthy Collier, of Dubuque, who for many years has contributed to the best periodicals and journals of this country. She has written novels, poems, short stories, essays and reviews which have received the most favorable comment from literary critics. Her earliest works were printed in the early '60's and for more than forty years her pen has added to the store of literature and has brought honor to her native state. Perhaps her most important work is the poetical story of "Lilith," which was published in 1892, and which has had a wide circulation. Much of her first literary work appeared over the *noms de plume* of "Marguerite" and "Anna L. Cunningham." Her first production was a series of Hospital Sketches which were true Civil War pictures. Her travel sketches "Among the Mountain Mists," "A Day's Ramble" and others are delightful word pictures. She was born and reared in Dubuque, the daughter of Lucius Hart Longworthy and Valeria Bemis. Her father came to Dubuque in 1827, before the state had been named Iowa, but was called "Black Hawk Purchase," being among the first to work the lead mines there. He erected the first frame home built in Dubuque. In later life he was an essayist and lecturer of ability. Mrs. Collier was educated at LaSall Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. She was married Oct. 16, 1867, to Robert W. Collier, who was a man of scholarly attainments. They have one son, James C. Collier. "Linden Croft" is still the family home although Mrs. Collier spends much time in travel.

## MRS. W. H. COWLES

"There came to me the comprehension of the value of a woman's worth, the beauty and blessing of the American home, of the obedient daughter, the loving wife, the Madonna Mother, and of all that these mean as the very foundation rock of our nation's strength and honor."

Mrs. Elsie Merrill Ferguson Cowles of Audubon, was born in Peacham, Vt., the daughter of Paul F. Ferguson, who was born and reared in Scotland, and Ellen Kineison of New England birth. She was educated in the Peacham Academy. Married on Sept. 18, 1879, at Peacham, to W. H. Cowles. Shortly after they came to Iowa taking up their residence in Audubon, where Mr. Cowles is a jeweler. They have one son, N. N. Cowles, who is a jeweler, living in Ottumwa. Mrs. Cowles is a member of the Presbyterian Church, interested and active in all its branches. For two years she was chairman of the ninth district, Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs and during that time interest in the federation increased very materially in that district. She has also been a member of the board of directors of the I. F. W. C. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and has for several terms served as chapter president. She is a member of the Columbian Club which follows two lines of study—sociology and domestic science. She has done a great deal of china painting in a semi-professional way. Beside these manifold interests she has taken an interest in her husband's business and aided him many years. She is a versatile woman, being an expert housekeeper and home maker, a business woman, one of artistic temperament and a woman having a helpful interest in the world outside her own little sphere.

## MRS. FRED TOWNSEND

Helen Dawson Townsend, daughter of Arthur Middleton Dawson and Lucie Moon, was born at Paxton, Ill., Jany. 17, 1866. She graduated from the Ann Arbor, Michigan, high school and later studied in the University of Michigan. On Aug. 14, 1889, in Minneapolis, she was married to Fred Townsend of Albia, a successful attorney, state senator 1900-04 and presidential elector in 1912. He is the son of Judge John Selby Townsend who served as district judge for ten years and was a member of the legislature in 1852. He was a man of great force of character and wide influence. Mr. Townsend's mother was Annie Elbert, daughter of Dr. John D. Elbert, who came to Iowa in 1840, settling near Keosauqua. He was president of the Territorial Council and as a physician and surgeon his practice covered most of southeastern Iowa. Annie Elbert was one of the earliest graduates of Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a very cultured woman. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have four children: Robert Dawson, Hugh Elbert who died in 1913, Katherine Lucie, Arthur Selby and Fred J., who died in infancy. Mrs. Townsend is a devoted Episcopalian and has been church organist many years. Through her mother, a gentle-woman in every characteristic, she is a D. A. R. She joined P. E. O. in 1892 and served the Iowa Grand Chapter as corresponding secretary, vice-president and president. She was appointed by the Supreme Chapter in 1909 chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund established in 1907. Mrs. Townsend has given her best thought to the administration of this fund by which hundreds of girls have been educated.

## MRS. HOWARD TEDFORD

Mrs. Regina Vale Tedford of Mt. Ayr was born at Bonaparte, Nov. 4, 1876, the daughter of Benjamin Rex Vale and Julia Biddle. Her grandfather, Jacob G. Vale, was state senator for two terms and her father was state senator for four terms, representing the same district. Her father's mother's ancestry is traced from morganatic marriage of George III of England, hence the family name Rex. She received her classical education at Monmouth College and at the State University of Iowa. Her musical education was obtained at New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. At her home in Bonaparte, on June 4, 1902, she was married to Howard Tedford, of Mt. Ayr, editor of the Mt. Ayr Record, son of James Harvey Tedford and Elizabeth Rowan. His father has been an Iowa newspaper man since 1870. His mother was a native of New York, a descendant of the Rowans, who were noted patriots and who rendered valiant service in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Tedford was for three terms state binder and was clerk for the Interstate Commerce Commission (1895-96) of which Col. W. P. Hepburn was chairman. From this committee the Panama Canal bill was first recommended for passage by Congress. Mrs. Tedford is in religious faith a Presbyterian. A member of the P. E. O., and has served her chapter as president and been a delegate to both state and national conventions. She is one of the organizing regents of Iowa D. A. R. She has traveled all over this country; been to Cuba, Panama and through Europe. She is a woman who has had every advantage, birth, education, travel association with cultivated people, and the result is a woman of very high type.



## MRS. CLARA ROBERTSON TITUS

For more than fifty-four years the Robertson home in Keokuk was a center of unbounded hospitality, unlimited kindness and good cheer. Clara Robertson Titus, the last of her father's family, is an apostle of that same good cheer. She was born in Keokuk, Oct. 22, 1859, the daughter of Hugh Robertson and Mary Sinton, both natives of Perth Shire, Scotland, in whose hearts lived always the love of the highlands and the heather. Annually they celebrated the birth of Bobbie Burns with a party which was one of the happiest events in the social calendar of Keokuk. The Robertson clan is one of the oldest in Scotland, and count their chiefs from Duncan, under whom they appear as a clan in support of Robert-the-Bruce. From first to last the clan is noted for its loyalty to the Stewarts. On the murder of James I at Perth, it was Robert the chief who captured his murderers for which act he had many honors conferred on him by King James' successor, and to further commemorate this, both father and son took the name Robertson, which the clan has retained. The Robertson tartan is red, crossed with bars of olive green and purple; the badge is fine leaved heather; the motto, *Virtutis gloria merces*, and the coat of arms one of the oldest in Scotland. They were a family of birth, rather than wealth, in Scotland. They were staunch Presbyterians and Alexander Campbell, who before coming to America to found the United Brethren church was a Presbyterian, preached in the Robertson home in the highlands. Mrs. Titus' father, Hugh Robertson, made frequent visits to Scotland. He was for many years secretary of the

Iowa State Insurance Co. and was a gentleman of the old school, gracious and courteous always. Mrs. Titus was educated in the Keokuk schools, later attending a school for young women in Washington, D. C. She had one brother, William S. Robertson, who died, leaving a son, Hugh Robertson. She was married Oct. 10, 1882, to W. J. Ruddick, who died June 11, 1886, leaving one daughter, Charlotte, who is now Mrs. Earl Collins of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and has a daughter, Janet Robertson Collins, born in 1913. On Oct. 3, 1901, she was married to W. H. Titus, who died July 24, 1908. She has three step sons: L. J. Titus, J. V. E. Titus and Horace L. Titus. Mrs. Titus has traveled this country over and made three trips to Europe, once spending a year and another time six months abroad. She enjoys society and belongs to a number of prominent clubs and charity organizations. Is a member of the board of directors of the Benevolent Union of the social department of the Y. W. C. A., a charter member of the Travel Class, a charter member of the Iowa Audubon Society, a charter member of the Woman's Club, and of the Wednesday Reading Club. She has a perfect genius for making friends and for keeping them. No day is ever dark for her, her optimism and good cheer sees always sunshine.

## MRS. MARY BERRY PRICE

Mrs. Mary Berry Price is one of the few women who has made a success of practical farming; for the past fourteen years she has managed her farm, bought and sold fine cattle, relying on her own judgment in the transactions. She was born in 1856 in Ottumwa, the daughter of the Rev. A. P. Berry and Harriett Dickenson Berry, who came to Iowa in 1849, from Zanesville, Ohio. She attended the district schools and was the first graduate of the Moulton high school. She became a charter member of the P. E. O. chapter at Centerville, 1882. She was a delegate to the preliminary convention, preparatory to the organization of the Supreme Chapter, held in Bloomfield, Nov. 1-2, 1882. The first supreme convention was held in Fairfield, Oct. 12, 1883, at which time Mary Berry was elected the first supreme president of the P. E. O. sisterhood. She presided at the conventions at Centerville and Ottumwa. Since then she has been accorded marked honor in many state grand chapter conventions and in the supreme conventions. In 1884 she was married in Centerville to A. R. Price of London Mills, who died in 1900. She has six children; at the time of their father's death ranging in age from 15 years to ten months. It was then that Mrs. Price took up the management of the farm which she is still successfully conducting. She has been prominent in the community, serving on the Board of Education, on the official board of the M. E. Church, and in other public interests. She is a woman of gentle manner, unassuming and straightforward in her speech, a woman of practical charity, one who commands the love and respect of all who knew her.

## MISS MARGARET E. PREBLE

The term politician does not apply to many Iowa women, but it does properly apply to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Preble of Humboldt, who since 1908 has been recorder of Humboldt county. The plan of campaign which she originated and executed would have done credit to a seasoned politician. She began in June, 1907, by sending out three hundred personal letters; in December she visited every precinct in the county; in January she began publicity work through the papers; in February she sent circular letters to every voter in the county, asking support on the ground of efficiency and economic administration. During the months of her candidacy she worked in her office from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. She spent one full month canvassing the county and shook hands and talked with more than 1,500 voters. She conducted a fair, clean, campaign; relying entirely upon her capability for the office and her business experience. The result was she won over an opponent who was a man of high standing in the community and of wide acquaintance in the county, carrying every voting precinct, with a majority of seven hundred in the whole county. She is now serving her third term. She had large experience in the office of law firms before entering the recorder's office. She is faithful and conscientious in all her work and is conceded to be the best recorder Humboldt county has ever had. She is the daughter of Henry James Prebel and Emma Jane Heath. A member of Unity Church, the Woman's Club, and P. E. O.

## MISS EMILY CALKINS STEBBINS

Emily Calkins Stebbins was born January 22, 1843, at Longmeadow, Mass., the eighth generation on American soil. She received her education in the village school supplemented by a course in Peacham Academy, Vt. She came to New Hampton, Iowa, July 13, 1861, and lived with her sister, Mrs. Powers.

When H. C. Baldwin, deputy county recorder and treasurer, enlisted with Co. C, 38th Iowa Infantry, Sept. 1, 1862, she took his place and was deputy until January, 1864. In 1865 she entered the law and abstract office of the late J. H. Powers. Feby. 2, 1866, she was commissioned notary public by Gov. Stone, the first woman in Iowa so commissioned, and so far as she can learn, the first in the United States. She is yet notary, abstracter, insurance agent and pension attorney in the office on the ground where she has worked for forty-eight years. She well remembers the looks of holy horror she encountered when she first began working in a public office among men, and remembers that some people would not be waited upon by her because they believed that a woman could not do business correctly. She remembers, too, the flood of female suffrage literature that was then poured upon her. She was for years an active worker in the W. C. T. U., and is a practical, not political, prohibitionist; is a stand-patter in politics and an orthodox Congregationalist. Inheriting from her father French and English blood, and from her mother, Scotch and Welsh, she has positive opinions and language in which to voice them. Touching shoulders with the business world she is up-to-date, or as she says, "I am not a chestnut, and resemble one only in that the worst is on the outside."

## MRS. J. J. SEERLEY

Mrs. John J. Seerley, was president of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, 1905-'07, and always active in its interests. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Clark Seerley was born in Huntsburg, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1854, and died at her home in Burlington, April 2, 1913. She was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1876. For two years she was superintendent of schools at West Liberty. On Sept. 17, 1879, she was married to the Hon. John J. Seerley, a prominent member of the Iowa bar, who has practiced in Burlington since 1877, and who served as congressman from the first district 1890-92. They have three children: Mrs. Florence E. Reed, of Denver; Mrs. Hazel V. Bell of Evanston, and John J. Seerley, Jr., of Burlington. Mrs. Seerley was by nature a leader, but charmingly tactful and kind, and so this quality never offended even the humblest. She was a patron of everything that ministered to the public welfare. She was prominent and popular in society, and enjoyed meeting her friends in a social way. She was a devout Christian, being a member of the Congregational church. She was a devoted wife and mother and the atmosphere of her home life was all the name "home" implies. She was a woman steadfastly loyal to womanhood, and to the welfare of women she gave her deep interest. She believed sincerely in clubs for women for the sake of study and for the co-operative sympathy which they create. She belonged to many local clubs and was prominent in the Iowa Federation and in the General Federation to which she was many times a delegate. She spoke with ease, and with conviction and was always a force in the conventions. She was a woman whose life and work are a lasting memorial.

## MISS NELLIE V. WALKER

Miss Nellie Verne Walker, one of the well known American artists, was born in Red Oak, Dec. 8, 1874. She is the daughter of Everett A. and Rebecca Jane Lindsey Walker of Moulton, to which town they moved when she was a little girl. When she was still a child, she had the consciousness of her own ability, and one day asked her father—who was a dealer in monuments, for a block of marble which he had on his shelf. The piece of marble was probably worth ten dollars. He hesitated and asked her why she wanted it; she replied that she knew she could “make something.” She persisted for several days and finally appealed to her mother, who is ever the child’s mediator, and she was given the marble. She found a picture of Lincoln, which she set up before her, and with such tools as she found in her father’s shop, went to work. In a few days the face of Lincoln with its gaunt outlines emerged from the block of marble. Finally the bust was finished and was displayed in the Iowa building at the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago as the work of an Iowa girl. There were six children in her father’s family and not much money to be spent in developing her talent. She studied stenography and worked in an office until she had enough money to pay her way to Chicago. Lorado Taft tells the story of her coming this way: “One day there walked into my studio a little girl, who had come to Chicago to learn sculpture and make her mark in the world of art. It was all arranged in her own mind,—she had decided it. It made no difference how steep or how hard the way, she was going to succeed. And she has succeeded, and we are proud of her. But one day, we are going

to be very, very proud of her." It was altogether characteristic of Miss Walker that she should go to the very best teacher she knew anything about. Lorado Taft at once recognized her ability and has been her friend as well as her teacher. During the first years in Chicago she supported herself by doing stenographer's work at odd hours and taught some in the art institute. The way has not always been easy, but her spirit undaunted, and with faith in her own ability and an all consuming love for her art kept her steadfast to her purpose until today she stands well to the front among American sculptors. She has executed many important commissions; among them a statue of Winfield Scott Stratton, and also a memorial to him in Colorado Springs, the ideal group, "Her Son" which is in the Art Institute in Chicago, "Young Donatello," a statue of James Harlan in Washington, D. C., Memorials in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, in Battle Creek and in Cadillac, Michigan, and the splendid bronze statue of Chief Keokuk in heroic size, which stands on the bluff overlooking the river in Rand Park, Keokuk. In 1914 she went to Europe to study. She had gone to Europe twice before but only for a short stay. It was her purpose this time to stay a year, but a group of friends in Chicago, quite unknown to her made up a purse which will allow her to stay several years. This gift was significant of the faith which the art-loving people of that great city have in her. She is a tiny woman, only a little over five feet tall,—modest, gracious and most lovable. Her studio is on Ellis Ave., Chicago, in the Midway Studios.



## MRS. H. L. WATERMAN

Alice Hill Waterman was born Jany. 6, 1855, the daughter of Newton Clark Hill and Mary Blake, pioneers of Ottumwa. At eighteen she graduated from the Ottumwa high school, and taught four years. On Oct. 9, 1879, at Oakland Farm, her father's estate, she was married to H. L. Waterman, a very successful business man, the head of a great coal mining industry, and for three terms state senator. He had one son, Philip H. Waterman, by a previous marriage. In speaking of him Mrs. Waterman said: "If he has ever felt other than as my own son he has never shown it, and his children are as my own, and because of them I have known, what otherwise I should not, 'The touch of baby fingers on the cheek.' " For a number of years she was on the official board of the M. E. Church and for years was superintendent of the intermediate department of the Sunday School. Her greatest public service has been in behalf of the Ottumwa hospital. One of her earliest friends was Mrs. Mary Brooks Thrall, whose heart's desire had been the establishment of a city hospital, but who had not been able to bring about the realization. In her last illness she asked Mrs. Waterman if she would undertake this work and the promise was given. Previous to this a Bible class of twenty-five had been organized and named the Mary Brooks Thrall Bible Class, and it was in this group of women the work began. Mrs. Waterman has worked for the hospital in season and out of season, for eighteen years, as secretary of the association and now, its president. The success of the institution and its beneficent ministry are in a great measure the result of her labor.

## MRS. JANE B. RINGLAND

To Mrs. Jane Bane Ringland belongs the title "A Mother in Isreal," and what more honored title could any woman bear? She was the daughter of Adam and Mary Weir and the widow of Maj. John Newton Ringland. She was born in Washington county, Penn., May 22, 1824, and died in Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Oct. 10, 1909. With her husband and children she came to Pilot Grove, Ia., in 1851, her husband died the following October. She maintained her little family by teaching school. She rode to the district school on horseback, with two children behind her and one on the saddle in front of her. Never for one day did she lose courage in those trying times. Out of bleak surroundings, as out of more prosperous ones, she firmly held to the faith that God doeth all things well. She was descended from generations of cultivated people, and under all conditions and at all times there was a certain aristocratic bearing which made one remember just who she was and whence she had come. In the 70's she lived for several years in Winfield, later moving to Hamilton, Ill., where her son, Dr. E. B. Ringland, conducted a sanitarium, and for a few years lived in Keokuk. She had four children: Dr. E. B. Ringland, now a Presbyterian minister in Oklahoma City; Thomas R. Ringland, of Winfield, a prosperous farmer, and a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church; Rev. A. W. Ringland, D. D., a Presbyterian minister in St. Louis, and Miss Anna Mary Ringland, of Mt. Pleasant, who was her mother's companion through her many years of invalidism. She left no great heritage of gold, but to her children she left a better legacy, the memory of a faith that never failed, a courage that never faltered, a life triumphant,

## MRS. GEORGE D. RAND

Mrs. Sara McGaughey Rand represents two families historically worth recording, and in her personally is a woman who merits a place in a history of Iowa women. She was born in Greencastle, Ind., the daughter of Edward W. McGaughey and Margaret Matlock, who were married Jan. 18, 1838. Their family consisted of five children: Sara, Mary, Edward, Charles and Thomas. In 1835 her father, E. W. McGaughey, at the age of eighteen years was upon examination admitted to the practice of law in Putnam county, Ind. In 1842 he was elected state senator. In 1843 he resigned to make his first race for a seat in congress in which he was defeated by only three votes. In 1845 he was elected to congress. He was a strong opponent to the Mexican War and delivered a speech against the action taken by congress, which speech cost him the seat of governor of the Territory of Minnesota. President Taylor nominated him for territorial governor, but failed of confirmation by the senate in consequence of his attitude on the war question. In 1852, being broken in health he started to California, in the hope of being benefitted. In crossing the Isthmus of Panama he contracted fever from which he died in San Francisco, Aug. 6, 1852. Mrs. Rand's grandfather, Arthur O. McGaughey, was clerk of the first court held in Putnam county, Ind., in a private house. He was clerk of the courts for 23 years. He took the first case taken to supreme court. Mrs. Rand was the oldest of five children and was educated in the Conventual College of St. Mary of the Woods near Terre Haute, Ind. For many years she was president of the Alumnae of St. Mary's, and in 1911, was

made honorary president for life. At Greencastle, Ind., on Dec. 25, 1862, she was married to George Dexter Rand, of Burlington, they had one daughter, Mary Rand. Mrs. Rand is a convert to the Catholic church and for many years has been one of the most prominent and useful members, not only of the parish of St. Peters', to which she belongs, but of the church in a wider sense. She has given liberally of her money and of herself in the interests of the church and the schools connected with it. The St. Peter's school for boys was made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Rand. She is always thought of as one of the foremost women of Keokuk, a woman intellectually strong, broad-minded, and one who is known and loved by people in every walk in life, from those who are highest, socially, to the humblest. For four years she was president of the Keokuk Woman's Club. She was one of the organizers of the Civic League and has been on its board of directors ever since its organization. Since 1899 she has been president of the Woman's Aid Society of St. Peter's Church. Her husband, George D. Rand, who "passed from time to eternity" on Nov. 12, 1903, was one of Iowa's well-known men. He was educated in Asbury (now De Pauw) University at Greencastle, Ind. His father was E. D. Rand, the well known lumberman of Burlington, and after leaving school he was employed by his father. In 1860 he was appointed assistant paymaster in the Volunteer Navy, and was ordered to the gun boat "Silver Lake." Soon after he was appointed pay master in the regular navy, his commission bearing the signature of Abraham Lincoln and Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. After the surrender in 1865 he resigned his commission and returned to commercial pursuits. He

engaged in the lumber business in Alabama until 1880, when he went to Keokuk and took charge of the lumber yard of Carson & Rand. In 1883 he was elected mayor of Keokuk. During his term of office the city bought the public park, which the council in compliment to him, named Rand Park. He was a director of the Keokuk National Bank, of the Water Works Co., of the Iowa State Insurance Co., and was vice-president of the State Central Savings Bank. Mr. Rand had a genial nature and made many friends. His father was one of the very prominent men of Burlington, who was twice married, his first wife was Sarah Proud, an Ohio woman. By this marriage there were six children: George D., Mary, Frank, Hattie, and two who died in infancy. On June 13, 1852, Mr. Rand was married to Mrs. Caroline A. Roberts, who was the daughter of Solomon Sherfey, a Burlington pioneer. Four children were born to them: Ellbridge D., Charles W., Horace S., and Carrie. Mr. Rand died April 10, 1887, in Burlington, to the prosperity and growth of which city he had so liberally contributed. It may truthfully be said, that through all his varied and extensive business experiences, he was never known to intentionally wrong any one. He was just courteous, and considerate to every one, from the wealthiest capitalist to the humblest laborer in his yards. He was a self-made man, and suffered many reverses, but with courage kept on until success far beyond the expectation of even an ambitious man, crowned his efforts.

## MISS NANN CLARK BARR

To an Iowa young woman belongs the honor of having received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the age of twenty-three, being the youngest person so far as the records show to earn that high scholastic degree. Miss Nann Clark Barr is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. Walter Barr of Keokuk, her mother a college woman and her father an author and literary man of high attainment, she has always lived in an atmosphere which fostered her ambition. As a child she showed unusual proficiency in literature and wrote a number of poems which appeared in well known magazines. She was graduated from the Keokuk high school in 1907, receiving the second Kilbourne prize. She spent four years at the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, the alma mater of her mother. Here she was graduated in 1911 with the degree Bachelor of Arts. Her work at Western College won her the scholarship in philosophy at Wellesley, where she did post-graduate work for a year and won her scholarship in philosophy at Cornell University. At the end of one year's work at Cornell she won the degree of Master of Arts, and at the end of the second year, (1914) she had earned her doctor's degree in philosophy, beside winning the philosophy prize. Such a record of scholastic attainment is very unusual and the honors have not come without work, but a remarkable mind and a great ambition has made the work easier than it would have been for a less gifted person. Miss Barr, when but a child, read literature, much beyond her years and reasoned with the faculty of a mature mind. Those who knew her as a child expected great things of her and her work has justified that expectation.

## MRS. STELLA M. PORTER

Mrs. Stella May Porter of Ottumwa, a prominent club woman of the state, was born in Wapello county, Iowa, Nov. 8, 1869, the daughter of Sanford Kirkpatrick and Hester M. Lentner. Her great grand father, Hugh Kirk Patrick, with six brothers, Scotchmen from the north of Ireland, came to America with the British to fight against the American in the war of the Revolution. After they had been here a short time and understood the conditions, every one left the British army, enlisted with the American forces and remained with them to the close of the war. Her great-great-grand father on her mother's side was Conrad Lentner, living in Germany near the French border. He heard the call of Lafayette for troops and with his wife came to America and fought with the Americans to the end of the Revolutionary War. Their son, Jacob, served in the War of 1812. Mrs. Porter's father served almost five years in the Civil War, a member of Co. K, Ia. Reg. He is now United States congressman, representing the 6th District of Iowa. Mrs. Porter was educated in the public schools and in the Iowa Teacher's College at Cedar Falls. She was married Sept. 3, 1892, to George E. Porter, who died in 1913. She was the first president of the Ottumwa Y. W. C. A., for four years was a member of the I. F. W. C. executive board, member of the Ottumwa Woman's Club, Clio Club, Choral Society, and of the P. E. O. sisterhood, of which she is the first vice-president of the Iowa Grand Chapter, and has served for three terms as state corresponding secretary. She is a member of the First M. E. Church, active in all of its departments, and is a long-time member of the choir. She is a woman of unusual ability.



## MRS. L. F. PARKER

Sarah Condace Pearse Parker, who was for seventeen years a teacher in the State University of Iowa, was born in Sudbury, Vt., Feby. 21, 1828. She was educated in Oberlin, Ohio, and came to Grinnell, Iowa, in 1856. She served as Lady Principal of the State University from 1870 to 1887, when she resigned and returned to Grinnell, where she died, June 5, 1900, survived by her husband, L. F. Parker, and one daughter, Mrs. Harriet P. Campbell, of Denver, Colo. During Prof. Parker's residence in Iowa City their home was a veritable haven for the discouraged students. She was fond of society and her home was famed for its hospitality. She was versed in all house-wifely arts, was a musician and a public speaker of ability. She was fond of all beautiful things but content to live in her own beautiful thoughts and deeds that her beneficence might reach a wider circle. She was an unusual teacher,—dignified and firm, but tender and kind and true to every pupil under her care; a conscientious, painstaking teacher, the influence and power of whose presence in the class-room continues still in the lives of those privileged to be under her instruction, an incentive to thoroughness and accuracy. She was a wise counselor, a noble woman—fit model in every respect for the young women under her care. "My girls," she continued to call them to the day of her death, and they reverence and treasure her memory and the memory of those college days—so largely shaped by her—as a precious legacy. Hundreds of these "girls" in our own and in distant lands, rise up and call her blessed.



## MRS. ALBERT MYRON PRICE

Georgia V. Snoddy was born on a farm in Clinton county, Iowa, Dec. 13, 1868. Her parents, Matthew Snoddy and Ellen Teskey, figured in the early struggles of the first settlers, of eastern Iowa. In 1886 she moved with her parents to Maquoketa, Iowa, where she was educated in the public schools, later taking a course in the Northern Illinois Normal College. For several years she was a successful primary teacher. She was married to Albert Myron Price, cashier of the First National Bank, De Witt, Iowa, on June 18, 1895. Besides looking after a commodious home, she takes an active part in all organizations, having for their object, public improvement, and moral and social progress. She is serving as president of Pierian Club for the second time; was first president of the Clinton County Federation of Women's Clubs, a charter member of Chapter B G, P. E. O., also of Golden Star chapter, O. E. S., and in 1909, served as deputy grand matron. She helped organize the Twentieth Century Dames, a local organization, and was its second president. She is now chairman of the second district of the Iowa State Federation of Women Clubs, and was a member of the educational committee during the previous year. She is a trustee for the Carnegie Public Library, is an active member of the First Congregational church, and interested in all branches of church work. She has traveled extensively in the United States, Alaska and Canada. Her capable and efficient service has brought many responsible positions, which she has filled with much credit to herself, as well as to the organizations which she represented.

## MISS ANNIE E. PACKER

One of the most widely known, most successful and most beloved teachers of Iowa, is Miss Annie E. Packer, of Salem. For more than fifty years she has been actively connected with the schools of southeastern Iowa,—forty years of teaching and eleven years as county superintendent. In 1913 when she had completed fifty years in the schools, a public celebration was held in Salem, in her honor, which was attended by former pupils from many states. Telegrams and letters of congratulations, and many handsome gifts were sent to her in appreciation of the work she had done and of her splendid personality. She was born near Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, April 30, 1845. She is the daughter of Thomas Vickers Packer and Margaret Linton. The first Quaker sermon in Philadelphia was preached by an ancestor, John Linton, son of Sir Roger Linton, of England. Wm. F. Packer, Gov. of Pennsylvania was her father's cousin. Miss Packer was a member of the first graduating class of Whittier College, 1871, receiving the degree M. S. She taught in Whittier College for many years; it was a Quaker institution, having very high standards and for nearly forty years continued its splendid work for the young people of southern Iowa. She served for eleven years as county superintendent in Henry and Van Buren counties and for seven years was principal of the Bonaparte high school. She has taught in many institutes and summer schools in Iowa and Kansas. She has delivered many lectures, done newspaper reporting and for seven years edited the Henry County Teacher. She belongs to the Ladies' Library Association, Chapter Original A. of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and to the Congregational church.

## MRS. CHARLES WILSON PINKERTON

Among the prominent women of Afton, and one who has had part in the public welfare work of the city for many years, is Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Nix Pinkerton. She was born near Danville, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1869. She is the daughter of Benjamin T. Nix and Virginia E. Rhodes. Her grand father Nix was a pioneer Methodist preacher, a "circuit rider" in Kentucky and Tennessee, and her mother's people were Virginians. Her parents were married during the Civil War and lived in Kentucky. Her father was a captain in the Union army, an unusual thing for a man born in the south and living in the south. They came to Iowa in 1868. Mrs. Pinkerton was graduated from the Afton high school in 1884. She was graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1889, with the degree Bachelor of Music. She is a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. On Feby. 21, 1898, she was married to Charles Wilson Pinkerton. Since girlhood she has been a member of the M. E. church and has been for years church organist. She is a charter member (1893) of the East End Club, a social organization, and the oldest club in Afton, and is its president. She is president of the Alpha Book Club, a member of the Library Association, and the Cemetery Association. Since 1900 she has been a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and of the O. E. S. She is interested in charity organizations and in every agency for the aid and uplift of those unfortunately placed in life. She believes with Robert Louis Stevenson that "The best things are nearest; flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things in life."

## MISS EDITH PROUTY

Among the very successful professional women of Iowa, is Miss Edith Prouty, a lawyer, practicing at Humboldt. She was born in Freeport, Ill., and came with her parents to Iowa when she was only one year old. Her father, James Nathaniel Prouty, served during the whole period of the Civil War as a private and a non-commissioned officer. He was the first lawyer in Humboldt, helped to found Humboldt College, to establish the Unitarian church and has had a part in all the public interests of that city. He still maintains a law office with his daughter, and age has by no means lessened his skill in his profession. Her mother, Irene Sabastian Henry, was one of the pioneer women who helped to form society in a new town, active in church work and all social matters. Her middle name was given her in honor of her father's friend, William Sabastian, the Quaker "tavern keeper," mentioned in the story "On Indiana Roads" by Mary Hartwell Catherwood.

Miss Prouty was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1890, with the degree B. S. In 1891 she received her degree LL. B. She has been engaged in the active practice of law since June, 1891. She has been in the continuous practice longer than any other woman in Iowa. She has argued one case orally in the supreme court and been engaged in other cases before that court but did not appear personally. She has been local attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern R. R. for several years, and has appeared as attorney for the M. & St. L. R. R. Co. in several cases, and her father's law firm was local attorney for that road for many years. She has taught law in the Law

School connected with the Humboldt College, and in 1901 was appointed on the Board of Examiners who examined the law classes of the State University for admission to the bar. She has traveled very extensively in this county. She was a member of the Bahama Expedition sent out by the State University of Iowa in 1893 to the West Indies for the purpose of studying marine invertebrate life. A history of this expedition was written by Prof C. C. Nutting who had charge of it. She is a student of the equal suffrage question, having visited all the states in which women vote and observed the conditions before and after the granting of the franchise to women. Her investigation has made her a strong advocate of equal suffrage and she has done all in her power to further the cause in Iowa. She is firm in the faith of the Unitarian church and a zealous worker in its interests. She was the first president of the Humboldt Woman's Club and has served on state committees I. F. W. C.. She was a charter member of the Humboldt chapter of P. E. O. In the second year of her membership she was elected recording secretary of the Iowa Grand Chapter and remained on the state board for four years, being state president in 1905-6. She was for four years organizer of the Supreme Chapter and visited every quarter of the United States and British Columbia in P. E. O. interests. In October, 1913, she was elected to the highest office in the gift of the sisterhood, that of supreme president, which office she now holds.

## MRS. FRANK PRICE

Jennie Maude Reeves Price was born in Salem, Dec. 18, 1866. She is descended from a family which came to Iowa in its territorial days. Her grandfather, David Stewart Bell, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., Nov. 11, 1811 and came to Ft. Madison, April 9, 1838. He bought a farm in Cedar township, Lee county, which was for many years the family home. He was a member of the Iowa legislature in 1870, at which session the bill was passed for the erection of the present capital building in Des Moines. He died Jan. 14, 1878. His wife, Sarah Stewart Rail, was born near Harrisburg, Penn., Sept. 22, 1819. She was of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry and was a cousin of the Studebakers, who in later years became the great wagon manufacturers. Mrs. Price's grandparents, John Mulford Reeves, born March 11, 1811, and died November, 1889, and Lydia Clark Reeves, born in Green county, Penn., Oct. 17, 1813 and died Oct. 24, 1904, were early settlers in Henry county. Her father, Isaac Clark Reeves was born in Green county, Penn., May 23, 1835. Her mother, Agnes Susanna Bell, was born at Enisville, Penn., Sept. 23, 1843, and was married at West Point, Sept. 24, 1863. Mrs. Price was graduated from Whittier College in 1888. On Jan. 10, 1889, she was married to Frank Price, the son of T. J. and Josephine McFarland Price. They have five children: Agnes Josephine, now Mrs. Jack Caviezel, of St. Joseph; Robert Jefferson, Frank Reeves, Walter Withrow Harlan, and Ralph. Mrs. Price is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a P. E. O. since 1886. Their home is in Mt. Pleasant, where Mr. Price has large business interests.

## MRS. FRANCIS D. REID

Mary Blanche Reid, of Oskaloosa, teacher, writer, the adopted daughter of Benjamin and Martha Richey Beatty, was born in Pella, Iowa, June 13, 1856. Her own father was John Little Wisner, who fought in Co. F, 14 U. S. Inft., in the Mexican war. Her mother, Amanda Stephens, was a cousin of Alexander Stephens. She was educated in Drake University, graduating in the class of 1875, with the degree M. S. She was a successful teacher in the public schools for a number of years. On June 14, 1876, she was married to Francis D. Reid, an attorney of Oskaloosa. Four children have been born to them: Frank Beatty, Alice Evangeline, who died in 1900, Jessie and John B. She is a member of the Christian church, for twelve years a teacher in the Sunday school. Charter member of the Oskaloosa Woman's Club, acting president for three years, and a member of the board of directors since organization. For fifteen years she was chairman of the philanthropic and civic improvement department, during which time the department raised funds for a public hospital and completed its erection. She has been a member of the hospital board since its organization. She was chairman of the library committee, which together with the Y. M. C. A. and the Woman's Club, secured the City Carnegie Library. For five years she was president of the Woman's Suffrage Club, and says she is "a born suffragist." For ten years she has been a member of the Associated Charities, is a member of the Mothers' Club. She has been a contributor to many papers and magazines, has published several songs and written many poems which have been published. She is an omniverous reader and a woman who puts to good use every hour of the twenty-four.



## MISS GRACE ROBERTS

For fifty-five years, through three generations, the Van Cise home in Mt. Pleasant, has had its doors hospitably open to kinsmen, friends and to strangers, who for any cause would welcome shelter under the wide spreading roof. Miss Grace Roberts, with her two aunts, still live in the old home. In 1857, when Iowa was "away out west," Dr. Edwin G. Van Cise brought his family to Mt. Pleasant, being attracted by the good schools there, for he had nine children to educate. He established a drug store and practiced his profession. His oldest daughter, Elizabeth Garretson, married Dr. Watson Roberts, who became Dr. Van Cise's partner in the practice of medicine. Dr. Roberts died in 1872, leaving two children, a son, Edward, and a daughter, Grace, who with their mother, went back to the old home to live. Dr. and Mrs. Van Cise loved books and all the refining things of life, and in this atmosphere their children and grand children were reared. They were descended from the early Quaker settlers of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Roberts' great grand parents were married by the old time Quaker ceremony in which the young people in the presence of the congregation in the meeting house repeat the vows without a minister's officiating. She was educated in the public schools and the the Iowa Wesleyan College. She is a member of the Unitarian church and active in all its departments. She is a member of the Art Study Club, the Rommel Musical Club, the P. E. O. sisterhood, the Ladies' Library Association, and is chairman of the First District I. F. W. C., is a member of the board of trustees of the Public Library. She is a woman of quiet voice and gentle manner, a gracious hostess and a woman of great executive force.

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## MRS. EFFIE HOFFMAN ROGERS

Mrs. Effie Louise Hoffman Rogers, editor, journalist, and teacher, was born in Jackson, Ohio, May 13, 1853. She is the daughter of David Allen Hoffman, who for sixty-one years was a physician engaged in active practice. He was the son of Daniel Hoffman, who was a member of the Ohio state senate for a number of years, and whose wife was Julia James, born on James Island, above Parkersburg, Va., in 1800. Dr. Hoffman was educated at the Ohio University, and received his medical degree at the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, from which he graduated with honors in 1847. He died Jan. 12, 1908. He was married to Emily Smith at Logan, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1848. She was educated at the Female Seminary at Putman, Ohio. She is the daughter of John Adams Smith and Mary Emluch, whose father served in the Revolutionary War. Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman came to Oskaloosa in 1861. This family consisted of four children, three sons and one daughter, Effie Louise. She was educated in the Female Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, graduating in 1872 with the degree Bachelor of Philosophy. On April 2, 1880, she was married at Oskaloosa to John Franklin Rogers, who was born in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. His father was James Arthur Rogers, born in Baltimore, Md., a descendant of one of the old families of that state. His mother, Sarah Ball Gillis, was born in Philadelphia of an old and prominent family of that city. He was a man of unusual business ability and of fine literary and artistic taste. He died Aug. 9, 1883. They have two children, Emily Jozelle and Franklin Ripley, who was born after his father's death, and who died Nov. 25, 1883. The daughter,

Emily, was born at Great Bend, Kan. She received her education in the public schools, at Pennsylvania College and at the Girls' Latin School, Boston. Her professional training as a nurse was received at St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport. She is a physician's assistant, living at La Junta, Colo. She stands very high in her profession and is a fine woman. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Episcopal church and interested in all lines of church work. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, being one of the earliest initiates, belonging when she was a young woman in the seminary at Mt. Pleasant. She was the third woman to be elected to the supreme presidency, serving three terms. She was the first editor of the P. E. O. Record, which was established in 1888, the first number issued in December, 1888. She was authorized to name the magazine, which she did. She resigned the editorship in 1890. At the supreme convention held in Hutchison, Kan., in 1913 she was again elected to the editorship of the Record, upon the resignation of Miss Osmond. She is a member of the School Board, has served as county superintendent of schools and was a very successful high school principal. She has done much literary work; has had eight years journalistic experience as newspaper reporter and magazine writer. She has been manuscript reader for the Boston school book publishing house, manager of a teachers' agency, manager of a collection and insurance agency, a representative of the Prang fine art house in New England. She has written many verses and poems which have been published and are of a very high order in a literary sense. She is a woman of marked ability and self reliance, one who can meet the world and win in whatever she undertakes,

## MRS. GEORGE W. RANDLE

Mrs. Ella Williams Randle, is a member of a family very well known in the activities of the Methodist church in Iowa and connected with musical interests. She was born in Centerville, Feby. 8, 1859, the daughter of John W. Williams and Mary Elizabeth Bradley, names well known in the history of that town. Mr. Williams was of German descent, born in Freeport, Penn. He introduced the round note system of musical notation into this section of the state; thus doing away with the earlier system of square and three cornered notes or the "buckwheat notes," as they were called. He was church chorister for many years. He was a manufacturer of pianos and his sons, H. B. and Carl S. Williams, own one of the large piano and organ factories in Chicago. Mrs. Randle's mother, Mary Elizabeth Bradley, was born in Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. On Sept. 22, 1880, Ella Williams was married in Centerville to George W. Randle, a prominent business man. They have six children: Lulu Virginia, Ruby Mary, Bess Margaret, Albert Williams, Roy Waldo and Ralph George. She is a member of the Methodist church of which she was organist for eight years, and a member of the official board. For ten years she was president of the Ladies' Aid, and has been active in missionary society and local charity work. She is a member of the M. X. L. Club, and of the P. E. O. sisterhood since 1882. She is a trustee of the Drake Free Library Board. She is a woman who helps along every good work, which is characteristic of the Williams family. She is a prominent woman socially and enjoys that phase of life also.

## DR. ALICE TURNER

Alice Bellvadore Sams Turner, writer and physician of Colfax, was born March 13, 1859, near Mingo, Ia. The daughter of John Sams and Susan Evaline Humphreys, who came to Iowa in 1853, locating near Mingo, where they lived for fifty years. Dr. Turner was educated at Simpson College and Lincoln University, receiving her degree M. D., Feby. 26, 1884, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Ia. She is a student of psychology, suggestive therapeutics, occult science, of sociology and political economy. She believes in equal suffrage, and in 1895 cast the first ballot in Colfax, by a woman. She was married Oct. 21, 1878, to Dr. L. C. S. Turner. Together they have practiced their profession for twenty years, the last ten years have conducted a sanitarium and rest home. They have two children: Vera, now Mrs. J. W. Preston, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who graduated from Wellesley in 1895, later attending the College of Philanthropy in New York. She has one child, Ruth Alice, born July 13, 1911. Carroll J. Turner, is a student in the dental department, University of Iowa. Married Eleanor Blanche Alley, daughter of Wm. Alley, Grinnell, June 11, '13. Dr Turner is a member since April, 1903, of the Iowa Society of Medical Women. Was the first woman admitted to membership, Iowa Public Health Association. Was the first woman health officer in Iowa (1886-87). Was one of the founders of the public library, a trustee for twenty-two years, and its president since 1903. Is the author of a history of Colfax. She is a Unitarian, a U. S. Daughter of 1812, P. E. O., member of W. C. T. U., W. R. C. and O. E. S. She is a woman of remarkable ability and splendid attainment.

## MRS. E. E. SHERMAN

Josephine Ballow, born Dec. 22, 1864, in Blandinsville, Ill., daughter of Hiram Ballow and Fannie Chamberlin. The Ballow family is of Norman-French descent, and the Ballow Geneology contains many men and women of history, among them, Eliza Ballow Garfield, Hosea Ballow, and Guinebond Ballow, who fought at Hastings, (1066) a marshal in the army of William the Conqueror. Mrs. Sherman was educated in the Illinois Normal School and was a successful teacher for eight years. Was married to Dr. Elmer Emmett Sherman, Sept. 2, 1886, who is a successful physician of Keosauqua. For many years she has been a newspaper correspondent and has written many feature articles, as well as short stories, which have appeared in magazines. As the county representative of rural club work of the extension department of Iowa State College, she has delivered many lectures and conducted study classes. She is a charter member of the Woman's Improvement Association, which has done much civic work. She is county secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions. She is a member of O. E. S. She conducted the first Babies' Health Contest held at a Chautauqua, in Farmington, in 1912. She was assistant superintendent of the second contest at the Iowa State Fair in 1912. She is the mother of five children, one of whom died in infancy: Evaline Sherman is a registered nurse in Des Moines; Dorcey E., a secretary for the Secretary of State, Des Moines; Esther, a milliner; Ruth, a school girl at home. Mrs. Sherman is an ideal doctor's wife, a devoted mother, one who discharges her social obligations and withal finds time for study and much work outside her home.

## MRS. GEORGE P. SANFORD

Mary Belle Leverett Sanford, of Council Bluffs, member of the Author's League of America, newspaper correspondent, short story writer, and widow of George P. Sanford, a prominent banker and financier, was born in Salem, Nebr., Oct. 16, 1860. Her parents, James Walker Leverett, and Harriett Maria Tisdell, lived in Nebraska when the Indians were troublesome, and her father slept with a gun by his side. John Leverett, who was one of the early governors of Massachusetts, and whose portrait hangs in the new state house in Boston, was an ancestor, "Parson" Asa Turner, one of the pioneer Congregational ministers, of Iowa, was her father's kinsman. Her father was a graduate of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., then Madison University. Her mother, a woman of beauty in face and character, was a graduate of Ingham Institute, Le Roy, N. Y., she died Dec. 21, 1909. Mrs. Sanford was educated in the Northwestern University and in the University of Texas. On May 26, 1880, she was married to George P. Sanford, at Garden Valley, Wis., a man of high financial standing, a stockholder in a number of National banks, and president of the First National Bank of Council Bluffs, to which city they moved in 1892. Through the force of hard times and misfortune he lost heavily, and in 1898 sold his stock to the Citizen's State Bank, which took the name and business of the First National. He died August, 1902. She has two sons living and one who died in infancy: Arthur, manager of B. F. Sturtevant Co's. office in Chicago, and Raymond, a merchant in Decorah, Iowa. She is a member of the Broadway M. E. Church, Council Bluffs Club, member for twenty years of Oakwood Ave. Reading Club.

## MRS. SAMUEL KIRKWOOD STEVENSON

"On Washington Heights in Iowa City, reached by a climb of steps and a walk up a path, stands an old home christened by the young women who frequent it 'The Wayside Inn.' This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kirkwood Stevenson since their marriage in 1898, a home of beautiful and unusual hospitality.

"To this home, day after day, year after year, flock the university girls.

"Should one of the large circle of Wayside Inn frequenters desire a night's rest away from all interruptions, or should Mrs. Stevenson desire such a rest for one of her 'children,' the Blue Room is called into use. Fresh and sweet in the memory of many a rested girl is the Blue Room, with its walls decorated with the pictures of girls who have been there before—to rest."

Thus does Florence A. Armstrong, one of Mrs. Stevenson's "girls," describe her home at Iowa City. In the atmosphere of that home you have the key to the unusual work done by her for young women. She was for years a member of the State Committee of the Y. W. C. A., and through that work and the summer conference she came to be known and loved by the young women all through the middle west. She has spoken in all the larger colleges of Iowa and in many colleges in neighboring states, and almost every city Y. W. C. A. has been blessed by her visits, for it always means that. The great purpose she has in this work for young women is "to help them to fit the Bible into the plan of their daily lives." For fifteen years she has been a Bible teacher and all her life a Bible student. She is a polished speaker, every address is finished in a literary sense, and always bears

in it a definite message which is never forgotten. In the summer of 1900 she visited the missions of Bulgaria, Turkey and Palestine, and has delivered many illustrated lectures of the journey. In all her addresses there is an evangelistic note which speaks of Christian life in a very personal way. She lovingly gives credit to her English mother for the inspiration for the work she is doing, saying—"To her I owe very very much of the inspiration, help and training for my present work. She was a great student of the Book before me and her father before her." For two years she carried on investigations for the university department of Political Economy and Sociology, acting as volunteer inspector in the state and speaking to many women's clubs on the need of a regularly appointed woman factory inspector. Largely as a result of this work the Iowa legislature made provision for such an office. During 1913 she made a scientific study of wage-earning women in small towns and presented the subject at the meeting of the Iowa Charities and Correction, bringing to them a practical working plan of bettering the conditions. She has special addresses on The American Indian and his needs and on Social Settlement Work, having studied both these questions first hand. Before she was married her name was Marcia Jacobs, born at Galena, Ill., March 25, 1875, her parents, Henry Hayes Jacobs and Elizabeth Stephens. Was graduated from the State University of Iowa, 1898, B. A. Married Aug. 3, 1898, to Samuel Kirkwood Stevenson, an attorney, who sympathizes in every line of work she does. She is a Presbyterian. She belongs to the Charles Dickens Fellowship, London. Her mother's father befriended Charles Dickens, and when he came to America he made the long journey to Galena to see her mother.



## MRS. T. D. STOCKMAN

Mrs. Nannie Torrence Stockman was born April 25, 1859, at Fremont, Iowa. Her parents, William Morrow Torrence and Jane Livingstone Cummins, came from Pittsburg, Penn., to Iowa in the territorial days. They were both of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the grand parents of both fought in the Revolution. Her father was killed in the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862. For ten years she was a successful teacher, and from 1886 to 1890, was superintendent of the schools of Keokuk county, and editor of "The Keokuk County Teacher." She was a member of the Educational Council, composed of the foremost school men and women of the state. Was a member of the State Reading Circle Board and secretary of the County Superintendent's Section of the State Teachers' Association. March 12, 1890, she was married to David Theodore Stockman, a prominent and successful attorney of Sigourney. They have four children: Donald Theodore, who is in the U. S. Navy, stationed at San Francisco; Helen Louise and Edith Margaret, students at the State University of Iowa, members of Kappa Kappa Gamma and P. E. O., and William Laurence, in the high school. Mrs. Stockman was elected president of the Supreme Chapter of P. E. O. in 1890. She established the first state grand chapter, that of Nebraska, in April, 1891. She served on the committee which established the P. E. O. Record; she wrote the prayer which is used in the opening of P. E. O. meetings everywhere. To her is due in a large measure the establishment of the free public library in Sigourney, of whose board of trustees she is a member. She is a D. A. R., and is a devoted church woman, being a Presbyterian. She was one of the organizers of the Sigourney Woman's Club.

## MISS MAY ROGERS

Miss May Rogers, club woman, journalist and lecturer, was born in Dubuque, and that city has always been her home. She wears the insignia of the Colonial Dames, D. A. R. and U. S. Daughters of 1812. She has been president of the Dubuque Woman's Club, regent of the Dubuque Chapter, D. A. R. and chairman of Borough Number One of the Iowa Society of Colonial Dames. She was the first state correspondent of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She was a member of the first board and a signer of the articles of incorporation, May 13, 1892. The Iowa Federation was admitted to the General Federation on her motion. She has been a frequent after dinner speaker on club and patriotic themes. She was one of the principal speakers at the Semi-Centennial of Iowa, at Burlington, October, 1896, her subject, "The Pioneer Woman and the Club Woman." She has lectured in many cities in this state and elsewhere. She has delivered her lecture on Madame Roland in New York, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, New Orleans, Cheyenne and Oakland. During the Columbian Exposition she spoke in the Woman's building on "The Novel as an Educator of the Imagination." She spoke in 1910 before the Chicago Equal Suffrage League on "The Conservation of Privilege." At the Philadelphia Biennial, G. F. W. C., May 12, 1894, she spoke on women as "A New Social Force." At the Des Moines Chautauqua in 1898, she lectured on "The Civic Duty of Women." In New York City in 1892 she spoke before the association for the advancement of women from the capitalistic point of view, being, "Women in Relation to Labor Reform." Recently

she has largely confined her lectures to Iowa history, and to patriotic themes as "Forefather's Day," "Causes and Ideals of the Revolution." She spoke before the Iowa D. A. R. Conference in 1900, on "The Settlement of Iowa." As a journalist she has done much editorial and special reporting. Her book reviews are literary essays. Her papers on Lydia Maria Child, Charlotta Bronte and George Eliot were widely copied and commented on. In 1878 she published her *Waverly Dictionary*, of the characters of Scott's novels, which has had a very wide circulation. Her father, Thomas Rogers, came to Dubuque, from New York, in 1839. He was a scholar, a lawyer and an orator. In 1850 he married Anna W. Burton. He directed the historical studies of the daughter and read with her the Greek and Latin classics. Miss Rogers has been an extensive traveler. She wrote for the Dubuque papers her experiences in the shipwreck of the City of Chicago, off the Irish Coast, July 1, 1892. She is much interested in financial affairs and manages her own business interests.

## MISS KATHERINE H. SCOTT

Miss Katherine H. Scott, portrait painter, writer of prose and verse, was born in Burlington, the daughter of Frederic J. Scott and Ada Winton, pioneers of that city. Her father is a veteran of the Civil War and her mother who came to Burlington in 1853 was one of the leading teachers of instrumental music in the early days. Miss Scott attended the Burlington schools. She was graduated from the Chicago Art Institute in 1901. Later she took a post-graduate course in the same school. She was a pupil of the late John H. Vanderpoel, Henry Hubble, Albert Herter, Frederic W. Freer, Mrs. Evelyn Beachy, Frank Duveneck and other prominent artists. Her special work is oil portraits, and ivory miniatures, although she does landscapes in both oil and water color, makes her own illustrations, for her "Verses for Children," and makes her own designs for craftwork. Her work has been exhibited, especially portraits in oil, and miniatures in the Art Student's League in Chicago, Society of Chicago Artists, American Water-color and Miniature Painters, St. Louis Exposition, and in prominent galleries in Chicago and other western cities. She has since 1899 been a successful art teacher, having taught in the Chicago Art Institute, both in the normal department and in the juvenile department; she was director of the art department of the Douglas Park School of Music, Chicago, 1908-10; she was for ten years director of the art department of Rockford College. She is now successfully directing the School of Art in Burlington. She is a woman of unusual talent, one who sincerely loves her art, and who in all her work is true to her ideal.

## MRS. ALTA H. SULLIVAN

Mrs. Alta Haskell Sullivan, of Fairfield, is one the women to whom has been given the highest honor in the gift of the members of the Iowa grand chapter Order of the Eastern Star, that of worthy grand matron. She was born in Monroe county, Iowa, July 28, 1864, the daughter of the Hon. Lorenzo Osborn Haskell and Angelina Bay. She was educated in Howe's Academy and in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant. Howe's Academy was one of the oldest preparatory schools in Iowa, and the Iowa Wesleyan is the oldest University in Iowa. In recent years the two schools have been combined. Mrs. Sullivan also attended the State University of Nebraska at Lincoln. For two years she was principal of the schools at Almena, Kansas. On Oct. 24, 1887, she was married to William Parris Sullivan, at her home in Norton, Kans. She is a member of Log Cabin Chapter, D. A. R., her mother being of Revolutionary descent. She joined Original A, chapter of P. E. O., in the days when it was a college sorority. She is a patroness of Achoth Sorority, of Iowa City. For many years she has been a prominent member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as grand matron in 1912-13. Her compilation of the memorial given at the grand chapter in October, 1913, is especially admired by the order. She is now chairman of the Board of Custodians of the Order. Mrs. Sullivan has fine literary taste and is a woman of wide reading along many lines. She has a fine appreciation of art. She believes that women have the inalienable right to franchise and should be given the privilege. She is a careful housekeeper and a devoted home-maker, and the other things among her activities have been incidental to her home-making.

## MRS. H. B. SCOTT

Mrs. Leonora Cranch Scott, of Burlington, was born in Sorrento, Italy, on June 4, 1848. She is the daughter of Christopher Pearse Cranch and Elizabeth DeWendt. Both of her parents were of direct English ancestry, and both were related to John Adams. Through this line she is descended from John Alden and Priscilla de Molines. Her father was a poet, an artist and a scholar. He was educated for a minister in the Harwood Divinity School. She was born during the residence of her father and mother in Europe. When she was nineteen months old they left Italy, and until she was fifteen years old, they lived in Paris. Returning to this country they lived in New York and Cambridge, Mass. For fifty years her grandfather was judge in the District of Columbia. At Staten Island, N. Y., on June 20, 1872, she was married to Col. Henry Bruce Scott. They have six children: George Cranch, Henry Russell, Sarah Carlisle, Richard Gordon, Elizabeth Rose and Margaret. She inherited from her gifted father a love for art which was fostered by her residence in the art centers of Europe during the impressionable years of childhood. She is a student of art and traveled for several months with her daughters in an art class in Holland, Spain and Italy. She has written a history of her father in "Life and Letters, of Christopher Pearse Cranch." In religious faith she is a Unitarian, and for six or eight years worked very hard for the establishment of the Peoples' Church. She is a member of the Sheldon Circle of King's Daughters, Musical Club, Director of the Visiting Nurse Association and of the Humane Society, President of the Burlington Art Club and of the Rescue League,

## MRS. PRINCE E. SAWYER

Mrs. Cornelia Johnson Sawyer was born in Osceola, Iowa, March 29, 1869. She is the daughter of Allison Cord Johnson and Emily Brenton. She was graduated from the Osceola high school, after which for six years she did cashier's work in her brother's bank. This experience gave her a broad knowledge of business methods, which has made her an unusually efficient officer in various clubs and charitable organizations in later years. On Sept. 6, 1899, in Armour, S. D., she was married to Dr. Prince E. Sawyer, an able surgeon and practitioner of Sioux City. Is a member of the First Congregational Church of Sioux City. She is president of the Emerson Club, and for four years was president of the local P. E. O. chapter. For many years she has been a prominent worker for the Boys' and Girls' Home, one of the most efficient philanthropic institutions in Iowa. She has served as recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer of the board governing the institution, and is now president. The children in the Home love her devotedly and she is like a mother to them all. She was one of the chief promoters of the Better Baby contest held at the Inter-State Fair in 1913, which was given under the auspices of the City Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a prominent member of the P. E. O. sisterhood in Iowa, having served the State Grand Chapter most efficiently as vice-president for one year, and as treasurer since 1912. She has traveled over this country from ocean to ocean, making many journeys to different points of interest. She is a very clever, quick witted woman, is fond of society, charitable and generous, and always a loyal friend.

## MRS. JACOB B. STERN

Mrs. Millicent B. Stern, with her husband, organized the first Farmers' Club in Iowa in 1866. They recognized the need of some social organization and out of this need was born the Harris Grove Farmers' Club, which is still a thriving, useful organization. Mrs. Stern was born in Lincolnshire, England, Jany. 27, 1820, and died Nov. 12, 1904, in Logan, Iowa. Her parents, John Fletcher and Lydia Beet Fletcher, were natives of Lincolnshire, Eng., came to the United States in 1830, settling at Kennett Square, Chester county, Penn. She was married at Kennett Square, Sept. 30, 1841, to Jacob T. Stern. Five children were born to them: Amy Ann Milliman, who died in 1874; Etta Rest Milliman, who died in 1883; Earnest, who died in 1847; Almar Stern and Willis Lewis Stern, who reside in Logan, Iowa. In April, 1857, they moved to Harrison county, Iowa, to "Linwood Farm," which for many years was their home. Mrs. Stern was almost eighty-five years old at the time of her death, and had lived a long, useful life, into which much of shadow as well as sunshine had entered. It was said of her that "she identified herself more clearly with movements to build up the community as a whole than any other person in the county. Her efforts were unselfish, she sought no place of prefferment, no reward except the approval of her own conscience. For years she occupied, not the seat of honor, but she honored the place because she was in it." Her religion was the simple faith of the Quakers. She was a patriotic woman, an active member of the W. R. C., an earnest advocate of temperance, and a pioneer in the cause of equal suffrage.



## MRS. HENRY A. SCHLICK

Mrs. Flora Schlick was born at Charles City in 1868. Her father, Samuel F. Ferguson, was the son of James Ferguson of Scotland, a member of the Ferguson clan. Her mother, Nancy McKinney, born at old Salem, N. Y., one of ten children. The oldest was the mother of John J. Hill, president of the Hill Publishing Co., of New York. Mrs. Schlick was educated at the State University of Iowa and at Iowa College at Ames. She was a successful teacher for four years in the schools of Charles City. On May 20, 1891, at Charles City, she was married to Henry A. Schlick. Three sons have been born to them: Marvin F., Forrest S., and Robert, (deceased). She is a member of the First M. E. Church, was superintendent of the Junior League for five years, for several years teacher of a young men's Bible class, and president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for five years. For six years she was corresponding secretary of the Decorah District. She was the conference delegate to the national convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society held in Washington, D. C., in 1913. For fourteen years she has been a member of the Cultus Club, and has served in all of its offices. Since 1910 she has been Chairman of the fourth district I. F. W. C's. She is also a member of the state board and of the legislative commission, I. F. W. C. The fourth district contains about thirty club towns, many of which have more than one federated club. From these facts can be judged the success of the work done here under Mrs. Schlick's chairmanship. To her own mind the greatest work she has done has been in her own home, in the rearing of her two sons, young men who would bring pride to the heart of any mother.

## MISS EMMA SCHWENKER

The city in Iowa which may be called the pioneer in the way of higher schools is Mt. Pleasant, for it was there the first university was established and one among the first seminaries for young women in this state was established there in 1862. In the days when co-educational schools were looked upon rather askance, this school was established by Prof. Bergen, a Presbyterian minister of unusual ability, and was called the Female Seminary. It offered a classical course with music, painting, drawing and French additional. For thirteen years, from the most cultured homes in Iowa, young women came to this school. The first class was graduated in 1866, and in that class was Miss Emma Schwenker. Through the intervening years she has made her home in Mt. Pleasant, spending her winters in California or Florida. She is a gentle woman of the finest type, cultivated, and gracious, a woman of rare personality. She is a member of the Episcopal church and faithful to all its interests. She was one of the incorporators of the Ladies' Library Association organized in 1872, and incorporated in 1875, the second oldest club for women in the United States. She is a member of the board of directors of the Public Library, and through her generosity many rare books have been placed on its shelves. For many years she has been an active member of The Rambler's Club, a leading literary club. She is generous and charitable to those less fortunate, seeking to hide from one hand the good deeds of the other. She has a beautiful home and is a gracious hostess. She is modest in the extreme, and is altogether unconscious of her own rare qualities, unless she sees them in the appreciative eyes of her friends.

## MRS. THEODORE PERRY SHONTS

Amelia Drake Shonts, daughter of the late Ex. Gov. Drake, of Iowa, and wife of T. P. Shonts, the Railroad Magnate of New York, was born in Drakeville, Iowa. Her mother, Mary Lord Drake, was a woman of rare spirit and beauty of character. Mrs. Shonts was graduated from Oskaloosa College, later attended Wellesley and finished with the study of music and the languages abroad. On Dec. 28, 1881, at the beautiful old home in Centerville, she was married to Theodore Perry Shonts, the son of Dr. Henry Daniels and Margaret Nevin Shonts. He was at that time employed by the national banks of Iowa to standardize and simplify their system of bookkeeping. When a very young man he had been graduated from Knox College. He took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar becoming associated with General Drake, who had very large financial and railroad interests, a large part of the management of which he placed in Mr. Shonts' hands. He built and became the controlling interest in the Iowa Central R. R., built the M., Ia. & Nebr. R. R., and later the Ind., Ill. & Ia. R. R. He sold these interests and bought the control of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R., which he made a success. In 1905 he was appointed by President Roosevelt as chairman of the Isthmus of Panama Canal Commission. He formulated the plans for that work and continued as its head until 1907, when he became president of the Interboro Rapid Transit Co., and had charge of the subway and elevated systems of New York. He is now president of the Interboro. Met. Co., Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R. Co., and the Iowa Central R. R. Co. They have two daughters:

Duchesse de Chaulnes, and Marguerite Amelia Shonts. They live in the Plaza Hotel, New York, although Mrs. Shonts returns each year to the old home in Center-ville, and spends much time abroad. She is a member of the Church of Christ, of the P. E. O. sisterhood, the Chicago Woman's Club and the Woman's Athletic Club.

## MRS. ELEANOR J. HAWK

To an Iowa woman, Mrs. Eleanor J. Hawk, belongs the credit for the establishment of the custom all over this nation, of placing an American flag on the breast of the soldiers at burial. Among her personal possessions was a flag which she always placed as a guard over the soldiers who died in her home city, Colfax. It was a beautiful tribute paid by a patriotic woman to the soldiers who had bravely defended the stars and stripes. While she was Department President of the W. R. C. of Iowa, she secured the establishment of this custom in Iowa and later the national department G. A. R. adopted it. Eleanor J. Johnson was born Dec. 29, 1850, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and died Feb. 27, 1913, in Colfax. She came to Iowa in 1864. In 1870 she was married to Dr. W. W. Hawk, who served for three years in the Civil War in Co. E, 33rd Iowa Infantry. To them were born two children: Mrs. Nellie H. Witmer, of Newton, and a son, Charles, who died in early manhood. There are four grand children: Jessie, Cecil, Howard and Irene Witmer. Mrs. Hawk was a woman whose strength of character and personality made an impression upon all whom she met. Beside her state-wide work in the W. R. C., she was an active church woman, was one of the organizers of the Colfax Parent-Teachers' Association, and was its president for two years. Was for twenty-one years a trustee of the Colfax library, twelve of those years being secretary. After her death the pupils of the public school purchased a handsome chair, which they placed in the library in her memory. She was a member of the Woman's Club of the U. S. Daughters of 1812, and of the O. E. S. She was a devoted wife, a good mother, a loyal friend and a Christian patriot.

## MRS. J. L. SAWYERS

Mrs. Jennie Drake Sawyers, daughter of the late General Francis Marion Drake, Ex-Governor of Iowa, and Mary Lord Drake, was born in Drakeville, Iowa. Her father should be remembered in Iowa history, not only because he was governor of the commonwealth, and a man of large financial interests, a general in the Civil War with a record of which Iowa may feel proud, but because he was a great man, a Christian man, who stood on the side of righteousness, a generous philanthropist, and a patron of education. Mrs. Sawyer was the first graduate of the Centerville high school, she later attended Oskaloosa College, the Chicago Female College, studied art in New York City, which was followed by three years of travel and study in the art centers of Europe. On June 12, 1883, she was married at her home in Centerville, to Dr. John Lazelle Sawyers, a successful physician and surgeon of Centerville, one of the best known men in his profession in southern Iowa. They have two daughters: Mary Drake Sawyers Baker of Baltimore, Md., and Hygiene Drake Sawyers, who is at school in the east, and one son, Francis Lazelle Sawyers. Mrs. Sawyers is a member of the Church of Christ, in Centerville, a member of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, and of the Philathea Class in the Sunday School. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and has an active part in the society life of Centerville when she is at home. The Drake family has been prominent in Centerville since 1865, having always been interested in church school and other local interests.

## MRS. F. MAY TUTTLE

Mrs. F. May Tuttle, of Osage, is president of the American Society of Curio collectors, editor of its official magazine, "The Curio," is a noted botanist and geologist, and a writer of much merit. The Society of Curio Collectors promotes scientific collection, and has members from all parts of the United States. It includes geological, botanical, zoological students as well as collectors of antiques, autographs, coins, gems, historical articles, rare books, etc. Flora May Woodard Tuttle, daughter of Otis Pinkham Woodard, and Ellen Lucretia Sawyer, was born April 15, 1868, in a log cabin near Manchester, Iowa. She is of Puritan descent, from the families, Woodward-Bryant and Sawyer-Taft of Massachusetts. Her great grand father, Capt. Joseph Bryant, was one of the minute men who defended Concord Bridge. Her love for science came from the English family of Woodwards, some of whom were famous scientists. She was valedictorian of her class in the high school, after which she attended the Cedar Valley Seminary; this with forty-five years as a student of "God's out-of-doors" constitutes her schooling. On May 6, 1890, she was married to H. E. Tuttle, of Osage, who is at the head of a large printing plant. Mr. Tuttle is descended from Dorothy Howe, a cousin of Lord Howe, who commanded the English army during the Revolution. Stephen Howe Tuttle is head of that branch of the family and his descendants annually hold a reunion near Poolville, N. Y. Mrs. Tuttle is the mother of four children: Mrs. Ruth Tuttle Simpson, Mrs. Dorothy Tuttle Simpson, Donald Woodard Tuttle, and Marion Alice Tuttle. She is a woman of prominence in the work of the Baptist church in this state.

## MISS IDA VAN HON

Among the prominent members of the Rebekah Assembly of Iowa, and one who has served as the State President, is Miss Ida Van Hon, of Mt. Pleasant. She is the daughter of Thomas J. Van Hon, who for forty-six years was identified with the First National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, and its president for twelve years. He was a soldier of the Civil War in the 155 Ill. Volunteers. He died May 2, 1913. Miss Van Hon's mother, Melissa Rathbone, is descended from a prominent English family, which settled in Block Island, in 1636. Both of her grand fathers were captains in the Revolutionary War, and her father, Dr. Rathbone, was a prominent physician of southern Illinois. Miss Van Hon has two brothers, Dr. William Van Hon, who died in 1896, and Fred Van Hon. She was graduated from the Mt. Pleasant high school in 1886 from the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1890, B. S., 1893, M. S. She belongs to the Pi Beta Phi Sorority and was one of the organizers of the Hypatia Literary Society in I. W. U. She specialized in Latin and for several years was a high school Latin teacher. For twenty years she was secretary of the I. W. U. Alumni Association. She is a member of the O. E. S. and of the W. R. C., having served as presiding officer of both. She served the Rebekah Assembly of Iowa as state treasurer, warden, vice-president and president in 1901-'2. During that year the organization had the largest increase in membership of any previous or subsequent years. For four years she was chairman of the Advisory Board of the Iowa Odd Fellows Orphans' Home, and assisted in its dedication. She is a member of the Board of Charities, Ladies Library Association, Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary, and the Episcopal Church.



## MRS. O. R. YEAGER

Mrs. Katherine Ambrose Yaeger, of Greenfield, is one of the most successful business women of this state, owning and managing one of the large department stores of southeastern Iowa. She was born in Peoria, Ill., Feby. 27, 1868, the daughter of Robert Ambrose and Anne Creeden, natives of Ireland, who came to this country in 1865. At the age of fifteen she left school and a year later began to gain a practical knowledge of the dry goods business in one of the leading stores of Creston, in which she was employed for nine years. April 10, 1894, she was married to Orville R. Yaeger, who that year established the Yaeger store in Greenfield. For fourteen years she and her husband conducted the store most successfully, until his death, in 1908, since which time she has been sole proprietor. In religious faith she is a Catholic. She is very generous in her aid to charity and philanthropic organizations. She is a member of the Commercial Club, the L. W. A. C., a federated club of Greenfield. She joined the P. E. O. sisterhood in 1901; she has served the State Grand Chapter as organizer, treasurer, vice-president, and was elected state president in 1911 all of which state offices she filled with the greatest efficiency. For the past four years she has annually audited the state treasurer's books as well as those of the supreme chapter. One of the facts which speaks of the personal side of this business woman, is that all who are in her employ are devoted to her and her interests. Strikes or dissatisfied employes are quite unknown in that establishment. Mrs. Yaeger is an enthusiastic motorist and takes her pleasure out of doors in that way.

## MR. J. M. EARLE

Mrs. Teda Morgan Earle, of Des Moines is the daughter of Elija Dodson Morgan, and Kirilla Ann Dorsa Wilhite, who came to Pella, Iowa, April 1, 1854, being early settlers of that very interesting Holland colony. Beside the daughter there were four sons in the family: John S. Morgan, who served through the Civil War and was promoted from the ranks to the office of First Lieutenant for conspicuous gallantry in the field. After his return from the war he practiced law for several years, but died as a result of exposure while in the service. The other three sons were practicing physicians,—Dr. Horace Wilbur Morgan, and Dr. Curtis Chapman Morgan, both of whom died a few years ago, and Dr. Benjamin Franklin Morgan, who practices his profession in Clay Center, Kansas. Mrs. Earle was educated at Central University at Pella, Iowa. In 1876 she was married to Ira Marshall Earle, of Des Moines, general counsel for the Bankers' Life Association, and its vice-president. Mrs. Earle is a member of the Christian Science Church, Des Moines Woman's Club the Votes for Women League. In 1910 she published a charming book of verses,—*Jack Frost Jingles* under the nom de plume of Earlane Morgan. Other poems and verses have been published in the *Mid Western*, and other magazines. Her verses have all been well received. While she does not write as much as she did a few years ago, occasional verses still appear in magazines and periodicals. She has a fine appreciation of literature, music, and all of the refining things of life. She is a woman of poise, of remarkably sweet spirit, and optimistic in every view of life.

## MRS. CLARA PERDEW SHELDON

Mrs. Clara Idella Perdeu Sheldon, was born in Keokuk, June 12, 1861, and that city has been her home all her life. She is the daughter of John and Maria Vrooman Perdeu, who came to Iowa in 1851. Her mother was a direct descendant of the Vroomans who settled "behind Kinderhook" in 1670. She received her early education in the Keokuk schools, being a graduate of the high school, which has been supplemented by courses in summer schools, by constant reading of the best literature, classical and current, and by travel. June 17, 1886, she was married in Keokuk, to Claude Allen Sheldon, a native of New York state. Two sons were born to them: John Perdeu Sheldon, in 1887, and George Alyn Sheldon, in 1888. Mrs. Sheldon is a member of the M. E. Church. She is a member of the Keokuk Chapter, D. A. R., joining on the service of Samuel Vrooman. She is one of the most faithful and efficient members of the chapter. She has served as treasurer and vice-regent, declining the regency because of other duties. For thirty-four years she has been an efficient teacher in the public schools of Keokuk, during nine years of which she was principal of the Carey School, and for the past eight years principal of the Tarrence building, which position she still holds. One of the most interesting subscription lists to the bronze statue of Chief Keokuk, erected through the efforts of the D. A. R's., was made up of gifts sent Mrs. Sheldon by one hundred of her former pupils who wished to aid in this public enterprise, in which she was deeply interested. Mrs. Sheldon stands very high in her profession, is a woman who loves her friends and society, but above all, loves her own fireside, and the companionship of her sons.

## MRS. REBECCA H. S. POLLARD

Rebecca Harrington Smith Pollard, author, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., in 1831. She was educated by her father, Professor Nathaniel Ruggles Smith, a graduate of Harvard, who is said to have taught fifty years in advance of his time. Miss Smith, herself, adopted the pedagogical profession and also contributed frequently to literary periodicals. Mark Twain once stated that he remembered "setting up" some of her poems. George D. Prentice, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, was interested in her career, and through him she met her first husband, Mr. Oliver I. Taylor. Mr. Taylor, a gifted poet and editor, died two years and six months after their marriage, leaving his widow with a little daughter, who, also, passed away in 1869, on her tenth birthday. A poem, entitled "Maymie," written by her mother in memory of this child, was published in book form in 1870. It is a poem full of tender pathos, peculiarly comforting to bereaved mothers. Mrs. Taylor was afterwards married to James Pollard, an Iowa state senator. Four children were born to them, three of whom are still living. Mr. Pollard died in April, 1902. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, published a volume of Mrs. Pollard's poems—"Centennial and Other Poems"—in 1876. She is also the author of a novel, dealing with conditions prevalent at the time of the Civil War, and called "Emma Bartlett or Prejudice and Fanaticism." "Full Surrender," one of Mrs. Pollard's hymns, ranks among the most popular consecration songs of the present century. One of her best poems is "The Legend of Indian Summer." In her eightieth year, although nearly blind, she composed

a story in verse—"Althea, or the Morning Glory"—which was published by Sherman, French & Co., of Boston, Mass. It tells the story of the summoning to service of a missionary and her friends, it is full of missionary spirit and inspiration. Mrs. Pollard's method of teaching beginners to read, known as the "Synthetic Sound System," with its teacher's manual, its series of spellers and readers and its stencil pictures, was the outcome of many years of practical experience in primary work. She, herself, when a child, had been carefully drilled, by her father, in phonics. She recognized the defects and limitations of the word method, and gradually originated and formulated a successful plan of teaching by sound and diacritical markings which unprejudiced students believe to be the foundation of the new education now so wisely used by primary instructors. A letter, recently received, and signed by many Iowa school superintendents and teachers, gratefully acknowledges Mrs. Pollard's contribution to past and present generations. Mrs. Pollard has shared the fate of almost every genius who discovers new and better paths for humanity. She has been persecuted for the courage of her convictions, and her ideas and devices and illustrations have been appropriated, without permission, by imitators. Nevertheless, she says, "My greatest compensation is found in the thought of the benefit my method affords to the children themselves."

Mrs. Pollard's home is in Ft. Madison. Her children are Miss Adelaide Pollard, New York; Mrs. Eleanor E. S. Ehart, and J. A. S. Pollard, Ft. Madison.

## MRS. G. W. STURDIVANT

Mrs. Mary Lord Drake Sturdivant, during her father's term of office as Governor of Iowa, assumed the social duties devolving upon the first lady of the commonwealth. with charm and dignity, making her one of the most popular Iowa women who have had that honor. She was born at Centerville, Iowa, the youngest of six children, and to her was given her mother's maiden name, Mary Lord. She attended the Centerville schools in her childhood, later attending the Grant Collegiate Institute at Chicago, and finishing at Miss Reed's school in New York City. Her education has been supplemented by travel in many lands. On March 28, 1896, she had the honor of Christening the U. S. Battleship, "Iowa," at Cramp's ship yard, Philadelphia. She was one of the charter members of the Society of Sponsors of the U. S. Navy, and served on the Board of Control. She is a P. E. O. and is a member of the Central Church of Christ in Centerville, of which denomination her father was one of the most liberal supporters. His gifts to the various denominational schools and colleges, and to the advancement of Christian civilization, through its mission boards won for him the title of "first philanthropist among a million disciples." He gave most generously to philanthropies and charities of many kinds. For more than twenty years he made a gift to the building fund of every church of his denomination in Iowa. Drake University is named in his honor. To this institution alone he gave more than a hundred thousand dollars. On Oct. 28, 1896, Mary Lord Drake was married to George Wood Sturdivant, a prominent merchant of Centerville. They have one daughter, Mary Drake Sturdivant.

## MRS. W. G. BLOOD

Jane Ewing Blood, was born at Kittaning, Armstrong county, Pa. Her father, the Rev. Thomas Ewing, D. D., was an alumnus of Washington and Jefferson College, and of the Allegheny Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Kittaning, Pa., 1864-1880, was president of Parsons College, Fairfield, Ia., 1880-1889, and was principal of the Academy at Corning, Ia., 1889-1905. He died, July, 1905. He was a scholarly man of a very high type of Christian character. Her mother, Anna Maria Graham, was born of Revolutionary ancestry at Brownsville, Pa., July 16, 1844. She was distinguished by unusual beauty and intellectual brilliancy. She died at Fairfield, September, 1884. Mrs. Blood was educated at Parson's College, Fairfield, a coeducational Christian College, in the class of 1890. For a number of years after leaving school she made her home with her grand mother, Mary Rebecca Graham, at Brownsville, Pa., where in the same house and the same room in which her mother had been married, she was married to William Graffen Blood, a successful attorney of Keokuk, Jan. 15, 1903. Mr. Blood is the son of Col. H. B. Blood, a Civil War veteran, born near Worcester, Mass., and of Anna Belle Graffen, who belonged to a Quaker family of Philadelphia. They came to Keokuk in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Blood have one son, William Graffen Blood, Jr., born Oct. 2, 1904. His paternal great-great-great grandfather was a Lexington minute man, Nathaniel Blood. Mrs. Blood is a dyed-in-the-wool blue Presbyterian. She served for three years as Treasurer of the Iowa Presbyterial Missionary Society Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of the Northwest at Chicago. Her sister, Rebecca Ewing

McClintock (Mrs. Paul W.) is engaged in foreign mission work on the Island of Hainan, China. During her visits to this country she has spoken in many Iowa churches and no one who has met this brilliant, charming woman could forget her or the missionary message she always leaves in the hearts of her hearers. Mrs. Blood's brother, Prof. James F. Ewing, of Portland, Oregon, is an alumnus of Princeton University, Class 1893. He is principal of Portland Academy, an elder in the First Presbyterian church, and superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Blood is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, and of the Daughters of the American Revolution, joining on the service of Michael Sowers. She served on the committee of the Keokuk chapter, which raised funds for the monument to Chief Keokuk, unveiled in Rand Park, Oct. 22, 1913. Her son, Graffen, was one of the two children who unveiled the statute. She belongs to the Civic League, Visiting Nurse Association, Shakespeare Club, Mentor Club, Current Events Club, Fortnightly Club, Wednesday Reading Club, Woman's Whist League, Keokuk Book Club, Y. W. C. A., Westminster Guild, the Rebecca Ewing Circle, Woman's Missionary Society, Chapel Fund Society, the Benevolent Union, Travel Class, Monday Music Club, and the Keokuk Country Club. She has inherited a collection of antique furniture, old china and silver, which completely furnishes her home, a ten room house on Fulton Terrace. From the plate and knocker on the front door to the quaint three cornered cupboard in the kitchen, the house is filled with an incomparable collection of furnishings in perfect state of preservation, which fills with longing the heart of a lover of the antique.



## MISS GULIELMA ZOLLINGER

Guilielma Zollinger, author, was born in Mt. Morris, Ill., April 13, 1856, and came with her parents to Newton, Ia., March, 1857, which has since been her home. She is the author of a number of books which have had wide circulation, perhaps the best known is "The Widow O'Callaghan's Boys." She wrote this book to show that when people do not succeed in life it is largely their own fault—there is a chance for every one, no matter what their condition in life may be. "Maggie McLenehan," a book for girls, teaches the same lesson. She has begun a series of Historical Juveniles, the first of which is "A Boy's Ride," laid in the reign of John. The second is "The Rout of the Foreigner," laid in the early years of the reign of King Henry III. She spent several months in England in study for this series, the completion of which has been delayed by the illness of her mother, to whom she has for several years given her entire time and companionship. Her books are wholesome and charming, and are enjoyed equally by children and adults. She is personally a most interesting woman, one with a sense of humor and the keenest wit. She is a member of the Authors' League of America, the Iowa Press and Authors' Club, of the Faith Trumbull Chapter, D. A. R., at Norwich, Conn. She is a P. E. O. and was the first president of the Newton chapter. She is an active worker in the Friday Club, a local literary club, and is a member of the O. E. S. In religious faith she is a Congregationalist. She has traveled widely in America and spent three summers in England. Her literary work has received merited recognition throughout this country as well as in England.

## MRS. LIBBIE MILLER TRAVERS

Libbie Miller Travers was born Dec. 17, 1865, near Edina, Mo., the daughter of John Miller and Anne Bryson. She is a graduate of the North Missouri State Normal school, B. S. She is a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, being now a member of the alumni chapter at Des Moines. She has had seven consecutive years of reading in the Chautauqua course. She taught for several years in the Southern Iowa Normal school, at Bloomfield, and also in the Missouri Normal school at Kirksville. On Dec. 25, 1890, she was married at Kirksville to Frank C. Travers. They have two daughters, Ione and Isabel Travers. She is a member of the Christian church and has been a prominent worker on the state board of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for a number of years. She is also state superintendent of Young People's Work of the Christian Church. She has been sent by the State Board to many conventions and other special occasions to give addresses on the "United Mission Studies," which she has been conducting for several years. She is the author of "The Honor of a Lee," a book published in 1910, which has been favorably criticised and widely read. She is a member of the Robert Browning Club, the Aloha Club, and to P. E. O., in Des Moines, which city is her home. Her mother is descended from distinguished ancestry, the Stewarts, who trace a direct line to the Stewarts of England. Mrs. Travers has had some journalistic experience in contributing to magazines and periodicals, particularly to women's magazines, and is best known through her literary work and in the state work in various departments of the Christian church.

## MRS. ALBERT C. ZAISER

Grace Melcher Zaiser, dramatic reader, was born at Danville, Ia., Sept. 19, 1879. She is the daughter of Dennis Melcher and Sarah V. Hanna. She received a classical education at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. Later she was graduated from the Columbia College of Expression, Chicago, and took a post graduate course in Emerson College, Boston. At the close of her training she appeared in many cities under the management of Lyceum bureaus, most successfully. She has made a specialty of the interpretation of modern drama. She has successfully appeared in lecture courses, with concert companies and in individual programs. She is a woman of unusual beauty and has a charming stage presence; her interpretations are natural and always artistic. Her repertoire, includes, besides most of the modern dramas, which lend themselves to this sort of interpretation, a number of modern novels, allegories and many short poems and prose selections. On Jany. 1, 1902, she was married in Burlington, Ia., to Dr. Albert C. Zaiser. They have one son, Donald Zaiser, born June 14, 1905. She is a member of the United Presbyterian church, of the Shakespeare Club, of the Burlington Musical Club, of P. E. O. and of the King's Daughters. To make even one mind appreciate good literature, who else might miss that joy in his life, is no small service. To such a talented woman as this J. M. Barrie's appreciation of his mother might well apply: "When you looked into my mother's eyes, you knew as if He had told you, why God sent her into the world—it was to open the minds of all who looked to beautiful thoughts. And this is the beginning and end of Literature."

## MRS. GEORGE A. YOUNG

Ema Jackson Young was born May 23, 1870, in Terre Haute, Ind. Her father, Henry Llewelyn Jackson, was of English descent and her mother, Elizabeth McKenna, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Their early home was in Liverpool, England, whence they came to Philadelphia. Later they moved to Indiana, where Mrs. Young was born. After her father's death her mother moved to Sioux City. She was educated in the Sioux City schools, and on April 2, 1889, at Des Moines, was married to George A. Young, president of the Homesteaders' Insurance Society. Since their marriage their home has been continuously in Des Moines. Mrs. Young is a member of the First Unitarian Church and of the Unity Circle. She is a charter member of the original Robert Browning Club. She is a member of the Iowa Press and Authors' Club, of the Political Equality Club and of the Votes for Women League. She believes very earnestly in equal suffrage, in its justice and expediency. She is a member of the O. E. S., and of the Iowa Humane Society. For the past seven years she has been associate editor of *The Back Log*, a fraternal insurance magazine published in Des Moines. She is a widely read woman and finds in this one of her greatest pleasures. She is a home-loving woman, not caring for society in the common acceptance of that term. She and her husband have always been the closest companions, having a common interest in everything. "There are a few people who live in perfect sympathy, in silent understanding; who do not have to spend years in shouting explanations to each other above the noise of living. Each has looked into the other's soul, and that glance has left its record and made those souls akin forever."

## MRS. ROMA WHEELER WOODS

A very interesting woman, one loved and revered by all who know her, is Mrs. Roma Wheeler Woods, of Sutherland, Iowa. She was born in Perrysberg, Ohio, March 16, 1835. Her father was Daniel Holbrook Wheeler, descended from a historical family of Connecticut; her mother, Lydia Churchill Martin, was descended from John Churchill of Connecticut. She attended high school in Akron, Ohio; her father taught her higher mathematics, and French and music were taught by private tutors. For several years she was soprano singer in St. Paul's church in Akron. On Sept. 4, 1855, at her home in Davenport, she was married to William Hanston Woods, of Iowa City, which was then the capitol of the state. Their first home was in Iowa City, where Mrs. Wood was assured by legislators that her songs were no small factor in securing the passage of the first Iowa temperance laws. During the Civil War she was an active member of the Army Aid Society of Davenport. Her husband died in 1909, a son and daughter having preceded him. Mrs. Woods is secretary and supervising librarian of the Gen. N. B. Baker Library, founded by her husband in 1874, the pioneer library of the district. She was for three years chairman of the eleventh district Political Equality Clubs and edited *The Standard*, the state paper, for two years. She has contributed to magazines and papers for many years. Is district chairman I. F. W. C. of the eleventh district where she established the scholarship fund before it was adopted by the state. In her pleasant home, filled with books, pictures, music and good cheer, at the age of 79 she is still active and finds in each new day, new joy.

## MRS. THOMAS S. WELLS

Aletha Lilburn Randall-Wells was born in Utica, Ia., June 16, 1875. She is the daughter of Dr. Jason M. Randall and Olive Fegtly. Her paternal grandmother was a first cousin of John Quincy Adams. Dr. Randall served throughout the Civil War in Co. E, 62nd Ill. Vol. In 1870 he moved to Van Buren county, where he practiced medicine for thirty-five years. Mrs. Wells was graduated from the Birmingham high school, then from Iowa Wesleyan University in the class of 1898, degree B. M. She joined chapter S, P. E.O., when it was a college sorority. For three years she was on the staff of "The Wesleyan," the college paper. She took a post graduate course in school music in Chicago, after which she taught music in the schools of Fairfield for three years. In Birmingham, on June 25, 1902, she was married to Thomas S. Wells, of Burlington, which city was their home for seven years,—the past five years they have lived in Waterloo. They have three children: Robert Randell Wells, born in 1904; Thomas Lilburn Wells, born in 1907, and Edward Thayer Wells, born in 1912. Mrs. Wells is a member of the M. E. Church, of its Aid and Missionary Society of the Waterloo Woman's Club, and of the Ladies' Musical Improvement Club. She organized the Mizpah Circle of King's Daughters, the first in Waterloo. The movement has grown until now there are four circles there. She belongs now to chapter Z, P. E. O., and is active in all of its interests. She is a bright, talented woman, a devoted mother, who finds her first duty and greatest pleasure in the care and rearing of her three boys.

## MISS MAMIE E. WELLER

Miss Mamie E. Weller was born Jany. 8, 1862, on a farm at the edge of Greenwood village, near Nashua, in the house which is still her home. She is the daughter of Luman Hamlin Weller and Mary Eliza Pickett. Her father was a lawyer by profession and represented the fourth district in the U. S. congress, 1883-1885. He was a scholarly man, a progressive along every line of thought. He died March 2, 1914. Her mother's grand father, Sylvanus Stewart, during the Revolution collected all the ammunition stored at Danbury, Conn., and had it carried in ox carts to Powkeepsie, N. Y., thus saving it from the British, when they marched on Danbury. Philo Penfield Stewart, who founded Oberlin, the first co-educational college, was a cousin of her grandmother. Miss Weller attended the Nashua high school and Bradford Academy. There are books in every room of the Weller house and these have been her university, for she is a constant reader. She has traveled all over this country, Canada and Mexico. She is a member of the Isabella Club which was a charter member of the I. F. W. C. She attended the first session of the Iowa federation and has been a delegate at many subsequent meetings; has been a delegate to four general federations and to the National Conservation Congress. Her special club interest has been in conservation, having been a member of the state committee on conservation for several years. She is a member of the Congregational church, of the D. A. R., King's Daughters, International Sunshine Society, and the American Forestry Association. She is fond of society, having a home famed for its hospitality.

## MRS. FRANCIS E. WHITLEY

Mrs. Cora Call Whitley, vice-president of the I. F. W. C., was born in Virginia in 1862. She is a member of probably the best known educational family in the state. Her father is the Rev. L. N. Call, a retired minister of the Baptist denomination, for more than twenty years he was a member of the executive committee of the state Board of Missions. Her mother, Mary Guyon Call, died in 1913. She was a scholarly woman, a reader, familiar with the best in classical and current literature.

Mr. and Mrs. Call in 1905 celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. At that time they received letters of congratulation and best wishes from friends in all parts of the world, from young men and women who had been inspired by them to activities in the business, professional and mission fields. These letters were bound in a volume and form an unusual testimonial to the great worth of such a life as they lived. Six children were born to Rev. and Mrs. Call: of whom a son died in infancy and a daughter, Grace, passed away when eight years of age. Another son, David Forrester Call, was professor of Greek at the Iowa State University, but died when twenty-nine years of age, just as a life of unusual usefulness and promise in the educational world was opening to him. He was succeeded on the university faculty by his sister, Miss Leona, who held the place twenty-three years. Another daughter, Miss Myra, is professor of Latin at the state college in Cedar Falls, where she has been eighteen years. Mrs. Whitley was educated in a denominational school. She was married in 1883 to Dr. Francis E. Whitley, a leading phy-



sician of Webster City. They have three children: Gladys, who is Mrs. Variet C. Crosley, of Webster City, a graduate of the State University of Iowa, with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She is a member of the state committee on music, I. F. W. C. The second daughter, Grace Bingham Whitley, is also a graduate of the State University of Iowa, with Phi Beta Kappa honors. The son, Guyon Call Whitley, is a student at the State University of Iowa. Mrs. Whitley is a writer of much ability, having contributed to many periodicals. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, joining on the service of John Jamieson, and is regent of New Castle Chapter. She has been for many years prominent in the state federation, having been for four years chairman of the tenth district, and served on state committees, before her election to the vice-presidency, which office she now holds. She belongs to three local organizations,—the Wednesday Club, the Civic Improvement League, and the Humane Society. She has just pride in her sisters who deserve more than a passing notice: Miss Leona Call, Prof. of Greek in the State University, was the only woman at that time in any state university in the United States with the full rank of professor. She and Miss Myra Call have taken post-graduate work in the University of Chicago and in Ann Arbor, besides having studied abroad. They are both club women and P. E. O's. Her brother, David Forrester Call, who died at the age of twenty-nine, had achieved much. He had the degree Ph. D., was Professor of Greek at the State University, had been called to the chair of Greek in the Divinity School of the Chicago University and engaged to edit Harper's series of Greek text books.

## MRS. S. O. THOMAS

No woman in Iowa is better known in the missionary work of the Presbyterian church than Mrs. S. O. Thomas, of Burlington. For twenty-seven years she has been secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, and for fifteen consecutive years she has been an officer in the Iowa Presbyterial Society. She has attended innumerable sessions of the presbyterial and synodical societies and meetings of the Board of the Northwest. Jessie Donnell Thomas was born at Greensburg, Ind., in 1850. She is the daughter of Thomas Donnell and Ruth Jane Braden, who came to Des Moines county from Indiana in 1852. She was graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1869, B.A. 1872 M. A. She was a charter member of the I. C. society, organized at I. W. U., in 1868. It later became the Greek letter sorority, Pi Beta Phi. Mrs. Thomas owns one of the first pins, a gold arrow with I. C. on it in black enamel. She was married in 1871 at New London to S. O. Thomas. They have three children: Frank D. Thomas, of Portland, Ore.; Bert Thomas, of The Dalles, Oregon, and Jessie Marie Thomas. Mrs. Thomas has for twenty years been president of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary, an organization having one hundred fifty members. She was instrumental in organizing the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club in Burlington. She is a member of the Fortnightly Club, a study and travel club, organized in 1895. The Missionary work is perhaps nearest her heart since it has formed a part of her life for so many years.

## MRS. HORACE M. TOWNER

Mrs. Horace M. Towner, of Corning, had a large part in the creation of the Iowa Library Commission, appointed a member in 1900, and has been twice reappointed.

She was born April 13, 1869, in Providence, R. I., daughter of Charles T. Cole and Caroline Greene. She was educated by private tutors, specializing in English literature. In 1887 at Corning, Ia., she was married to Horace Mann Towner, for twenty-three years judge of the third judicial district, and now congressman from the eighth Iowa district, and is one of Iowa's most able men. They have three children: Leta E. Towner, Horace C. Towner, and Constance M. Towner. Mrs. Towner has unusual literary ability and is a frequent contributor to magazines, and has prepared many copyrighted study outlines for clubs. She is secretary of the Congressional Club of Washington, D. C., vice regent for Iowa of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, vice-president of the Children of the American Revolution, President of Iowa Library Association, 1904-'5, member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, member Old Thirteen Chapter, D. A. R., president board of trustees of Corning Free Public library, recording secretary Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, 1909-11, auditor I. F. W. C., 1907-'9, chairman of the Department of Legislation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1912-14, member of the Iowa Press and Authors' Club, Des Moines, and of the Corning Culture Club, and has been chairman of many standing committees of I. F. W. C. Mrs. Towner has been Iowa's representative in many national organizations and the state has much pride in such a representative.

## MRS. F. P. WEBBER

Mrs. Phoebe Jane Webber was born in Chatsworth, Minn., is the daughter of Benjamin Ross Case and Elizabeth Grist. She received her early education in the high school at Greely, Delaware county, Iowa, which has been supplemented by professional training, which in 1896 enabled her to successfully pass the examination before the Iowa state board of dental examiners. For several years she was an active practitioner of her chosen profession. On March 12, 1876, she was married to Dr. F. P. Webber, of Cherokee, in which city they have lived since 1879. There was born to them one son, Dr. Forrest G. Webber, Feby. 12, 1877, who died Oct. 7, 1910. In religious faith Mrs. Webber is a Presbyterian. She is a charter member of the Cherokee Columbian Club, a literary organization, and of the Tone Circle, a musical club. She is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and interested in its patriotic work. She was one of the organizers of Carnation Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and served as worthy matron for two years. She was appointed grand chaplain and held the office of associate grand conductress for two years, and for two years was associate grand matron. She was elected to the office of grand matron of Iowa in Oskaloosa, October, 1901, and presided over the grand chapter at its meeting held in Iowa City October, 1902. In 1913 she was appointed committee on fraternal correspondence. She was a charter member of the P. E. O. chapter at Cherokee and its first president. She devotes much time to public welfare work, and is prominent in local charity work.

## MRS. HELEN LUSK EVANS

On a farm near Lancaster, in Fairfield county, Ohio, on April 18, 1847, was born a daughter to James and Nancy Ricketts Lusk. She was given the name Helen Isabel. She had a brother, James Harvey, who was nine years her senior, and when Helen was six years old her sister, Emma Jane, was born. In 1852 her father determined to go west, and came to Lee county, Iowa, and bought a farm in Marion township, near the postoffice, Clay Grove. He returned to Ohio and in 1853 they started on the morning of September 5th, to make the journey overland to Iowa, arriving on September 26th. Helen attended the district school, where she learned all that the master knew, and read every book, paper or piece of printing that came into her hands—her mind was insatiable and her greatest joy was to learn. When she was fifteen years old she taught school near Bonaparte for a year. When she was sixteen she entered the Young Ladies' Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, a very superior school for the times. She always had a ready pen and at this school won special recognition for her composition work. On Dec. 3, 1868, she was married to Dr. Jas. Mc. Farland Evans, a young physician, who had come from Pennsylvania. Dr. Evans was the son of Abel McFarland Evans and Elizabeth Weir, born in Washington county, Pa., Sept. 19, 1841. At the age of sixteen he entered Waynesburg College, but left school at the end of three years to enlist in the army. He enlisted May 1, 1861, in Co. K, Eighth Regiment Pa. reserves. In the second battle of Bull Run he received a severe wound in the left shoulder and was discharged from service because of this disability, Feby. 13, 1863. He

came to Iowa May 28, 1865, and began the study of medicine with Dr. L. E. Goodell, after which he attended the Western Medical College in Cleveland, Ohio. He began the practice of medicine at Pilot Grove in 1868, in 1872 he moved to West Point, and in 1880 moved to Salem, where he died, June 6, 1912. For forty years he practiced medicine in southeastern Iowa, and was a man well known in the state. For thirty-four years he was a deacon in the Congregational church and was one of its most prominent supporters. In faith he was a Presbyterian, but there was in Salem no church of that denomination. He had an unusually large library and was a great reader, a man of broad education and skillful in his profession. There were three daughters born to Dr. and Mrs. Evans: Elma Victorine, now Mrs. C. H. Cook, of Salem; Emma Winona, now Mrs. Harry J. Reeves, of Keokuk, and Helen McFarland, now Mrs. F. W. Garretson, of Hamilton, Ill. The grand children are: Max Evans Cook, died in 1900; Helen Elizabeth Cook, died in 1913; Miriam McFarland Cook, Helen Lusk Reeves, Agnes Evans Reeves, and James Lusk Garretson. In 1873 Mrs. Evans was very ill, and for years was an invalid, never fully recovering. The force of her personality and the strength of her mind made one lose sight of the frail body. She almost never went from home, and yet her friends were legion. She was an optimist and her life preached always the gospel of courage. She was a very practical christian and sacrificed every day for someone's aid or comfort. She taught her children more than they learned in any school, and the memory of her still guides and directs their lives. She died May 2, 1897.

## MISS ELIZABETH G. IVINS

Eliazbeth Galland Ivins, musician, was born in Keokuk, Oct. 9, 1858, and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2, 1912. She was the daughter of William S. and Virginia Wilcox Ivins. She was not only a musician, but a linguist of ability, being proficient in Italian, French, German and Spanish. Her early training in music and in the languages began at Helmuth College, London, Ontario, when she was but fourteen years old. Here she won the medal for highest proficiency. Later she took an exhaustive course in the Cincinnati College of Music. She studied in New York, Chicago and Paris, under the most famous teachers of the times. In Cincinnati she was soprano soloist in a choir under the direction of Theodore Thomas. She appeared successfully in operas, oratorios, and concerts, and refused many flattering offers for a professional career. She was a member of the faculty of Canton College and head of the vocal department of the Conservatory at Quincy. She had charge of the choir of St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Terre Haute, and for years was soprano soloist in St. John's Episcopal and other Keokuk churches. Her home city had the greatest pride in her art, and love and admiration for her personally. She was generous in the gift of her voice and no musical program seemed complete without her. She was one of the organizers of the Monday Music Club, and its president for nine years. She was a charter member of the Woman's Club and for several years its president. She was its representative at many state meetings and at the General Federation in Los Angeles. She was modest of her own attainments, unspoiled by honors, generous of her art, a devoted daughter, one who lived true to her own high ideals.

## MRS. WILLIAM S. IVINS

Mrs. Virginia Wilcox Ivins, author and pioneer, was born March 26, 1832, in Warsaw, Ill. She is the daughter of Major John Remele Wilcox, of the U. S. army, who after graduation from West Point was ordered on duty successively at Forts Snelling, Armstrong and Edwards. In the Black Hawk war he served as major in the state troops of Illinois. Her mother, Mary Williams Kenney, a descendant of Roger Williams, was a typical soldier's wife,—brave in enduring the hardships and inconveniences of life in the army. Both parents died when Mrs. Ivins was very young, so she came to Keokuk in 1840, to the home of her uncle, Dr. Isaac Galland, who in 1837 platted and laid out the town of Keokuk, and named it. He laid it out a mile square, taking the plan of Philadelphia as a model. Her early education was received at Akron, Ohio. In 1845 her guardian, Benjamin F. Marsh, of Warsaw, sent her to Edgeworth Seminary in St. Louis, where she remained for three years. Returning to Keokuk she had a part in the society of that town, which had in it then many men and women who came to be national figures in the political world—famous lawyers, financiers and military men of high rank. In 1849 she was married to William S. Ivins, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ivins, had come to Keokuk from New Jersey in 1845. When she was only twenty years of age, she and her husband and little son, Charlie, started in covered wagons drawn by ox teams on the long journey across the plains and over the mountains to California. The story of this journey is told in her book, "Pen Pictures of Early Western Days," published in 1905. The book gives a remarkable picture



of the journey and the times, graphic in its description and full of heart interest from the first page to the last. It is authentic historically, which is more than can be said of many books written descriptive of the times. The experiences of the little band would grip the heart of any reader, but when one knows the author personally, a brave, noble woman, the story has an incomparable interest. Mrs. Ivins is a splendid type of women, one who rises to the occasion, whatever that may be. She is a very handsome woman of fine mind, gracious and charming in society, a woman of unusual interest. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivins: The oldest, Frank Herbert, died at the age of two years; Charles died at the age of four years; Sierra Nevada, now Mrs. Ralston Jones, of Cincinnati, was born on the journey across the plains, while they were in the Sierra Nevada mountains, hence her name. Mrs. Jones' husband has charge of the government work on the Ohio river. She has two children,—Elizabeth Ivins Jones, an artist in New York, and Robert Ralston Jones, who is in school. Mrs. Ivins other children are: Harry, died at the age of five years; Elizabeth Galland Ivins, a musician, who died in 1912 (see page 254); Ivan Walton, who died in infancy, and William N. S. Ivins, who married Margaret Betcher Worthen, lives in St. Paul, is an attorney in one of the departments of the Great Northern Railroad. He is an artist of much merit, an author and a musical composer, having written the words and musical score for an opera which has been successfully presented in many cities. Mrs. Ivins' husband died May 18, 1889, leaving in her heart and life a great vacancy. She is at work on a second book, "Yesterdays," to be published later.

## MRS. DRUSILLA ALLEN-STODDARD

Drusilla Allen Stoddard, missionary and college professor, was known for thirty years to the boys and girls of Central College, Pella, as "Mother" Stoddard. She was born near Batavia, N. Y., in 1821. She was a graduate of the Emma Willard school at Troy, N. Y., 1815. She taught in a Quaker mission school among the Seneca Indians in western New York. In 1847 she was married to Ira Joy Stoddard, a young Baptist minister, accepting the faith of that denomination. For their wedding journey they sailed to India as missionaries. Here they worked for nine years and here their three children were born. In 1856 they were forced to return to America because of ill health. In 1866 they returned to India, but again because of ill health returned to this country. A third time they started for India but the mission board would not consent to their sailing, knowing that it would mean death to them. In 1858 she went to Central College, Pella, as a member of the faculty with her husband. She was a woman of excellent scholarship, of great tact, and with a heart that mothered the boys and girls of the school. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, one hundred and twenty pupils and teachers enlisted from Central College, only Mrs. Stoddard and President Scarff were left to keep the school; twenty-five of the boys who went out never came back, but were left on the battle fields of the South. Those were trying days for the school. "Mother" Stoddard sacrificed everything to keep the boys and girls in school,—there being little money for tuition. Thus the college was kept open and its future assured. She was held in highest honor by the college until her death, in June, 1913, at the age of 92 years.

## MRS. ANNICE BALDWIN TRACY

Mrs. Annice Baldwin Tracy, is the woman to whom credit is due, for the establishment of the first hospital in Des Moines, and one of the first in the state of Iowa. Her father, Capt. James W. Davis, was a manufacturer of pig iron in Portsmouth. In 1861, on the outbreak of the Civil War, every man in his employ, several hundred in all, enlisted in the army. He closed his business and in November, 1861, came to Des Moines with his family, including Mrs. Tracy and her two children, her husband having died in 1854. Mrs. Tracy was a graduate of Steubenville Female Seminary, and a woman of marked ability. In 1863 her children died of diphtheria; this sorrow opened her heart to see the sorrow of others, and she gave much of her time to the relief of unfortunate people. For years Des Moines had felt the need of a hospital, and in 1876 Mrs. Tracy called a meeting of a number of women of the Episcopal Church. As a result of this meeting, Cottage Hospital was opened, with Mrs. Tracey in charge of it. Generous contributions were made by the citizens and a five room house at 929 Seventh street was bought for \$1,000. On May 27, 1877, a terrific storm swept away a bridge near Des Moines, causing the wreck of a passenger train, to which was attached one of P. T. Barnum's show cars. The injured were taken to Cottage Hospital, among them a number of Barnum's employes. So grateful was he for the care given them that he gave several thousand dollars to the hospital. A \$10,000 hospital was then erected, which was used until it was supplanted by the Mercy and the Methodist hospital. Later she established the "Tracy Home," a private hospital. She died Aug. 24, 1899.

## MRS. JOSEPH J. AYRES

Helen Mar Allen was born, reared and educated in Keokuk. She is the younger of two children, her brother, Herbert Wells Allen, being a resident of Kansas City. Her parents, Charles Lee Allen and Adelia Talbot Allen, came to Keokuk in 1860 and were prominent in the social and civic life of the city. Their hospitality was unbounded and their home was the scene of many social gatherings. Charles Lee Allen was descended from the same Lee family of Virginia, from which Robert E. Lee came. He was born in New York state and died in Keokuk in 1882. He was one of a committee which planned Oakland Cemetery, and served several years on the city council. Her mother, Adelia Talbot, was a native of Western New York, where her parents had come as pioneers, while the way was yet unbroken. Their home was a log cabin at Pompey, N. Y., where the Talbot homestead still stands. Mrs. Allen was one of five women who made the silk flag which was carried through the Civil War by Co. A, 2nd Iowa Reg. The flag is now in the historical department of Iowa. Mrs. Allen died in 1893. In 1896 Helen Allen was married to Joseph James Ayres, youngest son of T. R. J. and Sarah Ann Smith Ayres, who were natives of Kentucky. T. R. J. Ayres, fifty-three years ago, founded the wholesale and retail jewelry house of T. R. J. Ayres & Sons, of which Joseph J. Ayres is now president. Mrs. T. R. J. Ayres, a woman of great culture, was the daughter of Prof. Smith, a linguist, who spoke seven languages with fluency. Their home for many years in Keokuk was "The Pavillion." It was built by a religious sect, known as "The Millerites," who believed that they

would be translated to heaven. On more than one occasion they dressed themselves in flowing robes and ascending to the top of that building, prayed earnestly and waited for translation. Their prayers being unanswered, they would descend and take up their daily tasks. Many of their peculiar beliefs are a part of Keokuk's traditions. Mrs. J. J. Ayres is a charter member of the Civic League and is its president; it is an organization of two hundred members, with representatives from every ward in the city. She is one of the vice-presidents of the Benevolent Union, which maintains a home for old women and children. She is a member of the advisory board of the People's Institute, which does social settlement work among the colored people of the city. She is a member of the board of directors of the Visiting Nurse Association and chairman of its finance committee. She is a member of the Y. W. C. A., the Keokuk Country Club, and a number of social clubs. She was a charter member of the Keokuk Woman's Club, and chairman of one of its departments. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are both members of St. John's Episcopal church, the former being a vestryman. Mrs. Ayres is a member of St. John's Guild, and of the Woman's Auxiliary, having held offices in both organizations.

## MRS. CATHARINE BEATTIE COX

Mrs. Catharine Beattie Cox is one of the few real daughters of the American Revolution, living in Iowa. Her home is in Des Moines and she is a member of Abigail Adams chapter. Her father, Andrew Beattie, was born in Cumberland county, Pa. He was a mere lad when he enlisted, Nov. 1, 1780, in the Cumberland Co. Militia, under the command of Capt. Matthews. Records were not kept very accurately, but the family believe he became captain of a company, for he was known as Capt. Beattie. At the close of the war he married Judith Carter, a member of the family of Carters of Virginia, whose founder, John Carter, came from England in 1635, in the ship *America*. Mrs. Cox's ancestor, Robert Carter, was born in 1660, and was president of the King's Council in Virginia. His wife, Sarah Judith, was the daughter of Sir Thomas Ludlow, who was related to the royal house of England. From this Sarah Judith, Mrs. Cox's mother was named. Andrew and Judith Carter Beattie immediately after their marriage set out on horseback for their new home in Kentucky. There being no roads they followed a blazed trail, encountered both indians and wild animals on the journey. At the end of eight years residence in Kentucky they moved to Highland county, Ohio, on a farm of three hundred acres. Prosperity came to them, and a very comfortable log house was built, and eight daughters were born to them. Six weeks before the ninth daughter, Catharine, was born, the father died. Had the mother been born of less sturdy stock she would have given up in despair, but American pioneer women were the sort who endured and triumphed over

hardships and difficulties. She rented a part of her land, reared and educated her daughters as well as the times permitted. One of the older daughters married and moved to Cincinnati, and here Catharine went to receive her education. In 1846 she was married to Dr. Henry Cox, a descendant of Gen. James Cox of the Revolution. Their first home was at Danville, Ind. Here they became leaders in church and educational work. Dr. Cox endowed the Methodist Academy there. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Danville was a hot-bed of secessionists, and the Cox home was a place of refuge for unionists, and their attic was used as an arsenal. Dr. Cox was not eligible to enlistment, but was allowed to go to the front as an army surgeon. He was with Sherman during his march to the sea. He refused pay for his service, saying he was glad to give that aid to the union army. In 1865, Dr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Des Moines, making part of the journey by stage coach. Through all the intervening years Mrs. Cox has been one of the most prominent women in Des Moines. In her childhood, Gov. Trumbell, the first governor of Ohio, had been a family friend. His daughter, Mrs. Thompson, had founded the W. C. T. U., because of this fact, as well as of her interest in temperance, she became a leader in the W. C. T. U. work, and had for a personal friend, Miss Francis E. Willard. Nearly thirty-five years ago she founded the Home for Friendless Children, which is still a splendid institution. She has been prominent in all branches of the M. E. Church. She is the author of many poems and verses of literary merit. She is the mother of five children. For a number of years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, of Des Moines.

## MRS. GEORGE ERSKIN KILBOURNE

Augusta Wells Kilbourne, was born in Newberg, N. Y., in 1835, the daughter of Albert Wells and Emma Louisa Hassert. Her father was head of a classical school in Westchester county. He was a graduate of Rutgers' College. Her mother was a lineal descendant of Minna von Voorhies, who came from Holland and was the first settler of New Brunswick, N. J. Mrs. Kilbourne was educated by private teachers, at Kingston-on-the-Hudson and at the Pittsfield Young Ladies' Seminary. In 1854 she was married to George Erskine Kilbourne, of English descent, the son of David Wells Kilbourne, a New York commission merchant. In 1836 David Kilbourne was sent west by a New York company to locate land, and came to Keokuk, which was then only a straggling village of log houses. He bought large tracts of land. He and his brother, Edward Kilbourne, owned two hundred acres of land near Davenport, which they stocked with blooded sheep imported by them from the Island of Jersey, near the southeastern coast of England. It was before the days of pedigree cattle, but they appreciated the value of fine stock and gave many of these sheep away to the early Iowa settlers. In 1867 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kilbourne moved into the house on Third and High street in Keokuk, which is still the family home. Mr. Kilbourne was associated with his father in the railroad business, his father being president of the Des Moines Railroad, one of the first in the state. Four children were born to them: Harriett Erskine Kilbourne was educated at Pelham Priory, N. Y., married Hiram Barney, a New York lawyer, collector of ports at New York, by appointment of Abraham Lincoln,



who was a personal friend. She is now the wife of Thomas Francis Brady. Augustus Wells Kilbourne, of Cleveland, Ohio, is a graduate of Williams College, and married Eleanor Hoyt, daughter of Geo. Hoyt, editor of *The Plaindealer*; Emma Louise Hassert Kilbourne, was educated at St. Gabriels, in New York, and married Robert Erskine Wright, an Episcopal clergyman of an old and prominent Philadelphia family; Georgia Wells Kilbourne, educated at Miss Reed's school in New York, married Gen. John McAllister Schofield, commanding general of the army in the United States. They resided in Washington until Gen. Schofield's death. She is now the wife of John H. Hewson, of New York. The education of all of Mrs. Kilbourn's children was supplemented by travel in Europe. Four generations of the family have belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church. Before the erection of the church the congregation met in Edward Kilbourn's parlor. David Kilbourne gave a town lot to every church in Keokuk in the days of the first establishment of the churches. In connection with the development in Iowa in 1913 of the greatest power plant in the world, it is an interesting bit of history to know that in 1848 the "Navigation & Hydraulic Co. of the Mississippi Rapids" was incorporated by the legislature of Iowa with a capital of \$1,000,000, having for its object "the improvement of the rapids at Keokuk and the formation of a waterpower by means of an artificial channel with locks and dams." The incorporation papers were signed by Genl. Samuel R. Curtis, David W. Kilbourne, Edward Kilbourne, and Hugh W. Sample. A small bit of paper, about the size of an ordinary bank check, was all they thought needed to record one of the greatest enterprises in the history of

country. In 1850, a board of directors having been chosen, they appointed David W. Kilbourne to go to Washington to get the necessary permission to enable them to go to work. In company with the Hon. Hiram Barney, of New York, they spent several weeks in Washington, working to get the franchise and looking for men willing to take the contract to do the work. Finally they secured the franchise and made a contract with the Barnes Co. of New York, who agreed to build the dam for \$960,000. They arranged for the labor, common laborers to work from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. for seventy-five cents a day, skilled laborers to receive \$2.50 a day. They returned to Keokuk expecting the work to begin at once. In their absence, however, enemies to the enterprise had been at work, and convinced some of the influential men that the enterprise was visionary and too great an undertaking. Local support having thus been withdrawn, the enterprise was abandoned and only taken up again after a lapse of sixty years. Mrs. Kilbourne is a most interesting woman, having an inexhaustive fund of pioneer history, stories and anecdotes, which she tells delightfully, with quaint touches of humor, peculiarly her own. She is a brilliant woman, socially, and quite outshines the women of this generation, at social functions. Her home is filled with antique furniture and treasures of other days, and a visit with Mrs. Kilbourne in that old home is a memory long to be treasured.

## MRS. S. F. PROUTY

Mrs. Ida Warren Prouty, wife of Judge S. F. Prouty, and daughter of R. B. Warren and Emily Bingman Warren, was born in Mahaska county. Her father was an Iowa pioneer and a man of influence in public affairs. He was a member of the nineteenth session of the Iowa legislature. Her brother, J. L. Warren, served two terms as representative and four terms in the senate of Iowa. She was educated at Central University, at Pella, and taught in the schools of Oskaloosa. In 1887 she was married to S. F. Prouty of Pella, an alumnus of Central College, and later its president. He studied law, which he practices very successfully in Des Moines, having moved to that city in 1893. For several years he was judge of the district court of Polk county. They have a beautiful home, "The Collis." Their family consists of four daughters, who have been very carefully educated. Mrs. Prouty is a member of the Des Moines Woman's Club, and for many years was on its board of directors. She has served as chairman of the civics committee, and chairman of the girls' department of the city federation. She is a member of the Chauncey Depew Club, and has for many years been one of the promoters of the Business Women's Home, one of the most practical and helpful philanthropies of Des Moines. She is a member of chapter Q, of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and has many times opened her hospitable home for the social affairs of the chapter. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and active in its various organizations. She is a woman of strong principles and adheres rigidly to them. She is a woman of ability and a woman of great heart, which makes her of service in all sorts of philanthropic work.

## MRS. J. K. MACOMBER

Mrs. J. K. Macomber, of Des Moines, by profession a travel conductor, was born in New York. Her maiden name was Mattie Locke; she came in infancy with her parents to Davenport, where her father helped to build the first bridge across the Mississippi river. At the age of fifteen she entered the Iowa State College at Ames; graduating from there she entered Ann Arbor, upon completing the course there she taught a year at Cornell College. She went to Germany to continue her studies, and then to France, specializing in languages. Upon her return to America she was offered a position as teacher of French in Vassar College, but declined the position, and was married to J. K. Macomber, science professor at Iowa State College, who later became a lawyer and practiced his profession in Des Moines until his death. They have seven children: Kingsley Macomber, living in California; Elsie, now Mrs. Louis Lower of Chicago; Kate, now Mrs. Charles Clarke, of Adel, whose husband is a son of Gov. Clarke; Locke Macomber, of Des Moines; Sumner Macomber, living in Mexico; Arabella, now Mrs. Fred Thompson, and Miss Bertha, who is still in school. Mrs. Macomber has for many years taken parties to Europe, to the Orient and to Mexico. She enjoys the journeys herself, is never blase, but gains each year herself a new fund of pleasure and information in studying the changed social conditions in the lands visited from year to year. She is a good business woman, and an accomplished linguist, two essentials in her profession. She has an unusual collection of old china and brasses. She is a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and is one of the very well known women of this state.

## MRS. JAMES G. BERRYHILL

Mrs. Virginia J. Berryhill, vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the first president of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, was born in Fairfield, Iowa, the daughter of Christian Wolff and Nancy M. Seward Slagle. After completing the public school course, she entered the State University of Iowa, graduating in the class of 1877, A. B. Her college sorority is Phi Beta Kappa. In 1878 she studied in Berlin, taking the Victoria lyceum lecture courses. She taught for one year in a Female Seminary in Pennsylvania. On Jan'y 19, 1881, she was married at Fairfield to James G. Berryhill, of Des Moines. They have two children: James G. and Katherine. She is a member of the Unitarian church and active in the Unity Circle. She is one of the best known club women of Iowa, having made this state known favorably in the general federation. At the meeting of the general federation in Chicago, 1914, she was elected its vice-president, an honor altogether merited. When the Iowa Federation was organized in 1893, Mrs. Berryhill was elected its first president. She has since served on many state committees and was chairman of the legislative committee when at the biennial held in 1913, at Cedar Rapids, the Iowa federation declared for equal suffrage. She has served the Associated Charities of Des Moines as vice-president; she has served the Des Moines Woman's Club as president, and has also been president of the City Federation of clubs. She is a member of the Iowa Press and Authors' Club and has been its president. She is corresponding secretary of the Colonial Dames of Iowa. She is the author of a biographical sketch of Prof. A. N. Currier, published in the annals of Iowa.

## MISS CARRIE HARRISON

Miss Carrie Harrison, a plant expert of national reputation, was born in Fayette county, Iowa, the daughter of C. C. and Louisa Ray Harrison. After graduating from the upper Iowa University, she attended the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., was graduated from Wellesley College and took further work at Cornell University, N. Y. When she was sixteen years old she taught a country school. At the age of seventeen she managed a farm in Fayette county, and during those two years began her interest in plants. She began making collections of Iowa plants. She then did curator work for the national herbarium, collecting a half million specimens. She visited the largest herbaria in Europe and secured from Germany for the U. S. government the most complete collection of plants from Porto Rico, to be found any place. She is now a resident of Washington, D. C., filling an important position in the bureau of plant industry in the United States Department of Agriculture. She is an extremely clever woman, aside from her knowledge of plants, as was demonstrated during the Boxer uprising in China, when she was the means of getting a cablegram through to the American legation, in Peking, which probably saved all the foreign embassies in China. Miss Harrison is a member of the Woman's National Press Association, the Washington Wellesley Club, and the College Women's Equal suffrage League. She says her original equipment for the study of plants was a botany, a horse on which to ride and a dog for a companion; with these she spent long summer days studying Iowa plants, from that beginning she has gained a knowledge of the plants of every land.

**MRS. MYRON D. SMITH (Madame Myron)**

Alice Pettit Smith (Mrs. Myron D.,) vocalist, daughter of William S. and Amelia Ray Pettit, was born in Alliance, Ohio, and came with her parents to Creston, in 1885, which city is still her home. In 1887 she was married to Myron D. Smith, cashier of the First National Bank of Creston. In 1902, while visiting in Omaha, a friend persuaded her to have her voice tested, which she did, and it was discovered that she possessed a voice of unusual power and sweetness. She studied two years in Omaha, and more than a year in New York, before going to London, where she spent ten months under George Henschel, one of the great masters. She appeared at a number of private recitals and parlor concerts given at the homes of prominent society people in London. Her first professional tour was with the Scottish Orchestra, composed of one hundred instruments. As soloist of this orchestra she adopted the stage name, Madame Myron. At the close of her tour she returned to her home in Creston, resolved that her professional career should be only secondary and incidental to her home, to this resolution she has adhered. She was for one season soloist for the George Crampton Concert Co., touring the United States and Canada, and for one year was at the head of the Lyceum Grand Concert Co. She has appeared many times in Iowa cities and elsewhere in oratorios, concerts and recitals, everywhere receiving the ovation which her art merits. Her voice is a mezzo soprano of wide range and remarkable sweetness, and back of the voice, and speaking through it, is the soul of the fine woman, of whom Iowa is proud.

## MRS. JAMES CALLANAN

Martha Coonley, early Iowa reformer and editor, was born near Albany, N. Y., May 18, 1863. She received an education such as the common schools of that period provided. In 1846 she was married to James Callanan, a lawyer by profession, but who was interested in many financial institutions in Des Moines. He was President of the Capital City Bank, a director in the Citizen's National Bank, the State Savings' Bank, and in the Iowa Loan and Trust Co., was one of the founders of the Hawkeye Insurance Co., and part owner of the Des Moines and Minneapolis Railroad. Possessed of great wealth and with a mind which saw the needs of those less fortunate than herself, and with a heart which prompted her to aid in all sorts of philanthropical and educational measures, she became one of the great philanthropists and reformers of Iowa. She was prominent in the work of the W. C. T. U., in both the state and national work, a liberal contributor to the Benedict Home for friendless girls, was one of the founders of the Home for the aged, was a supporter of the Methodist church in all of its lines of work, particularly in the cause of missions. She aided many struggling colleges and helped in the education of many boys and girls who, without her aid, would have missed the privilege of a higher education. In 1870 she helped to organize the Equal Suffrage Association of Iowa, at a convention called at Des Moines for that purpose. She gave liberal financial aid to the association and edited and published the *Woman's Standard*, which advocated equal suffrage, temperance and other reform movements. She died Aug. 16, 1901.



## REV. MARY A. SAFFORD

Rev. Mary Augusta Safford, Unitarian minister, was born in Quincy, Ill., Dec. 23, 1851, daughter of Stephen F. and Louisa Hunt Safford, moving in childhood to Hamilton, Ill. She attended the public schools there and at the age of eighteen entered the State University of Iowa. In 1878 she organized a Unitarian Society in Hamilton, in which she preached for nearly two years. The Iowa Unitarian Society invited her to be ordained in this state, receiving her ordination in Humboldt, where she preached for seven years. In 1885 she was called to Unity church at Sioux City, which to that time had been a struggling organization. Through her efforts the society was built up until it became one of the strong churches in the state. She founded the Humane Society in Sioux City, and aided in the work of other literary and reform clubs. In 1889 she resigned her pastorate in Sioux City, to accept a call to the First Unitarian church at Des Moines, where she preached until 1910, at which time she was made pastor Emeritus. In 1909 she went to England, where she preached in the principal churches of the liberal faith, both in England and Scotland. Miss Safford has always been a missionary, giving the very best that was in her to build up weak churches and organize new ones. For eleven years she was president of the Iowa Unitarian Conference, secretary of Iowa Unitarian Association and a dictator of the American Unitarian Association, and a member of the National Fellowship Committee. She is at present editor of *Old and New*. She is a woman of the highest type, and one who truly serves humanity.

## MRS. ADA E. NORTH

Mrs. Ada E. North, the first Iowa woman to hold a state office, was the daughter of the Rev. Milo N. Miles, a prominent Congregational minister in this state. She was educated in the schools of Iowa City. In 1865 she was married in Des Moines to Maj. George J. North, who was military secretary to Gov. Stone during the Civil War. In 1870 Maj. North died, leaving his wife with two little children. She at once began to look for a means to support her little family, and was given a clerical position in the legislature, being one of the first women clerks in the Iowa state house. In 1871 a vacancy occurred in the office of state librarian and Gov. Merrill appointed Mrs. North to the position, being thus the first woman in Iowa to hold a state office, if not the first woman in the United States to hold a state office. The state library was in its infancy and had received little attention, the appropriations had been small and it had not been considered a very important department. Mrs. North, with a real interest in the work, and with a realization that the eyes of the officials were upon her, to see whether or not a woman was capable of administering the duties of a state office, undertook the work with the careful attention to detail, and with the conscientious effort which marks the work of women. At her suggestion a bill was passed by the 14th general assembly, providing for a board of trustees, consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Judges of the Supreme Court. For eight years she was state librarian, and laid the foundation for our present splendid state library. Resigning in 1879 she was for thirteen years librarian of the State University. She died Jan'y, 9, 1899.

## MISS LOTTIE E. GRANGER

Miss Lottie E. Granger, teacher, school officer and literary contributor, was born near Granville, Ohio. Her father, Sylvester Spellman Granger, was of English-Connecticut descent, dating back to Battle Abbey, 1087. Her mother, Elizabeth Walruth's ancestors, were German, and settled in the middle of the 18th century in northwestern New York. Sylvester Granger inherited great riches, and a large estate, but was unfortunate in losing it. Miss Granger was educated in the public schools of Ohio and at Shepardson, the Woman's College of Denison University of Granville, A. B., 1880; A. M., 1895. She studied two years at the Des Moines College, then affiliated with Chicago University. She took a two years course at the Bible Teachers' Training School, New York. In 1886 she was elected superintendent of the schools of Page county, which position she held for three terms, refusing to be a candidate for a fourth term. In 1888 she was unanimously elected president of the Iowa State Teachers' Association, the second woman in Iowa to be given that honor. She served on the board of managers of the Iowa State Teachers' Reading Circle from the date of its organization. For six years she edited a magazine, "The Page County Teacher." She was president of the W. C. T. U. of the eighth congressional district, and was offered the presidency of the State W. C. T. U. upon the resignation of J. Ellen Foster, but because of other duties, could not accept it. For eleven years she was a teacher of English in the high schools of Des Moines. For several years she was Associate Principal and Dean of Stanley Hall, Minneapolis, in connection with which duties she also

taught English and English Literature. Of far reaching importance has been Miss Granger's work as a volunteer teacher of the English Bible. She has had large classes in the First Baptist church of Des Moines, of which she is a member, and in the Y. W. C. A. She is chairman of the library committee of the Y. W. C. A., and editor of "Inklings," the local association paper. She is the author of short stories, poems, and has written editorials for various publications. In collaboration with Mrs. Edwin Henshaw, she prepared for the publishers, the manuscript of "The Passing of the Word," left in the first draft at the death of its author, Helen Henshaw. During her work as County Superintendent she formed a rarely beautiful friendship with Mrs. Henshaw, then of Clarinda, now of Des Moines. "A Woman of the Century," says: "The name of Miss Granger and Mrs. Henshaw are almost synonymous in Page county." For twenty-seven years this bond of friendship has held true, earnest of continuing true to the end. Miss Granger's permanent home has been with Mrs. Henshaw all these years. Miss Granger is a member of the Woman's Club, the Robert Browning Club, Votes for Women League, Political Equality Club, all of Des Moines, and is active in every cause of welfare for which she can find time. She is a good club member, leader of program and committee member, and when she takes the floor is an impressive, forceful speaker. She has traveled much in this country, but has reserved the pleasure of foreign travel for days yet to come. She has given the fruitage of active years to the uplifting of many young people in Iowa, and still has so much reserve force that it is easy to believe that her best has not yet been given.

## MRS. AUSTIN ADAMS

Mary Newbury Adams was born at Peru, Ind., Oct. 17, 1837. She came of remarkable lineage, her ancestors for many generations were prominent in public life in New England, five of them were Colonial or State Governors. Her parents moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in her girlhood days. Her earliest education was received from her mother; later she attended the public schools of Cleveland and was graduated from the Emma Willard seminary at Troy, N. Y., when she was only eighteen years old. A year later she was married to Austin Adams, a remarkably brilliant lawyer, a graduate of Dartmouth and of the Harvard Law School. The Adams came to Dubuque in 1854. In 1875 he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court and became Chief Justice in 1880, which office he held for twelve years. He was a regent of the State University for sixteen years and a Law Lecturer from 1875, to his death, in 1890. He was one of the first Iowa lawyers to urge women to study law. He was the first chief justice to admit a woman to practice in the Supreme Court of Iowa. Thus Mrs. Adams in her work for the advancement of women, had a sympathetic supporter in her husband. She was a charter member of the Association for the Advancement of Women, a member of the Equal Suffrage Association, and one of the pioneer workers in the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs. She was a student of science and belonged to the National Science Association, the Anthropological Society, and other organizations to promote science and its study. She was chairman of the historical committee of the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. She died at her home in Dubuque, Aug. 5, 1901.

## MRS. CATE GILBERT WELLS

Mrs. Cate Gilbert Wells was born in Burlington, May 27, 1863. Her father, W. Dallam Gilbert, born Feby. 6, 1829, in Cassville, Wis. His father, a Kentuckian, was a lumber man on the upper Mississippi river and in 1851, Dallam Gilbert, with his brother, John, established a lumber business in Burlington, which is still owned by the family. He was descended from the Devonshire branch of the Gilbert family, of which Sir. Humphrey Gilbert and Sir Walter Raleigh, were illustrious members. W. Dallam Gilbert was married Jany. 5, 1854, to Hetta Wells Merrill, born June 27, 1835, at Plymouth, N. H. Her father, Stevens Merrill, a Boston merchant, visited California in '49, and returning, stopped at Burlington and purchased the property, Hickory Hill, afterwards selling it to his son-in-law, Dallam Gilbert. It has since been the home of the family, four generations having dwelt within its old stone walls. Mrs. Wells received her preparatory education in the Gordon school, afterward attending the New York City school, conducted by Madame Benedict and Miss Chapman, which was followed by two years of travel in Europe and the Orient. On this journey she met her future husband in Egypt, in the temple of Kamah, on the river Nile—Charles William Wells, to whom she was married June 8, 1892. Mr. Wells was born Aug. 28, 1861, in Milwaukee, the son of Charles Kimball Wells, a native of Wells, Me., a Yale graduate and a pioneer lawyer of the firm Wells, Brigham & Upham. The son was educated in the University of Wisconsin and for seventeen years lived in Chicago, a member of the prominent lumber firm, the I. Stephenson Lumber Co. He died in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1897. Three weeks later their little

daughter, Catherine, died, leaving only Mrs. Wells and her son, Gilbert, of the family. Gilbert Wells was born June 13, 1893, the last of the name, which he derives through various royal lines directly from Alfred the Great. Having completed courses at a preparatory school in Connecticut, and at St. John's Military Academy, in 1914 entered the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wells has been for eighteen years President of the Burlington Musical Club, beginning with a membership of four, it now has six hundred members. She is president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, regent of the Stars and Stripes chapter, D. A. R., which she joined upon the service of Stephen Wells and Joshua Copp. She represented the chapter at the National Congress, 1914. She has served as historian of the Iowa Society, D. A. R., and chairman of state program committee. Is a member of two state committees, I. F. W. C., and was chosen delegate at large to the General Federation at Chicago, 1914. At the 1913 biennial she was one of three women nominated for the presidency, I. F. W. C. In 1913, by appointment of the mayor she represented the city of Burlington at the National Convention of the Peace Society. Mrs. Wells is an accomplished pianist, is fond of society and of humanity at large. Her beautiful old home, Hickory Hill, has for three generations been a center of Burlington hospitality, and every year is the scene of many brilliant social functions. It is an interesting bit of family history to note that Mrs. Wells' mother, Hetta Wells Merrill, whose mother's name was Mehetabel Worthly Wells, line of ancestry connects with the line of ancestry of her husband, Chas. W. Wells, through Thomas Wells of Ipswich, Mass. (1635) Deacon and Doctor, and member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.



## MRS. HARRIET A. KETCHEM

Harriet A. Ketchem, sculptor, was born in New Market, Ohio, July 12, 1846. In 1851 she came with her parents to Mt. Pleasant. She was educated in the public schools there and in the Iowa Wesleyan University, but did not complete the course, leaving school to marry William B. Ketchem. They have three children: Alfred, Earnest and Roma, the last one being born in Rome, her mother named her Roma. It was not until after her marriage that she began working in clay; her friends realized that the figures indicated artistic possibilities and persuaded her to go to Chicago to study. She gave ten years of hard work and patient study to her art in this country, before she went to Italy, where she studied under several teachers, spending most of her time in Rome. While there she made *Peri* at the Gates of Paradise her best known work, which was exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and which received there favorable criticism by many art critics. It is now in the library of the State House at Des Moines. When the committee for the Iowa Soldiers' Monument asked for designs, forty-seven different models were submitted. The one made by Mrs. Ketchem was accepted and the commission given to her. She made busts of President Lincoln, Senator James Harlan, Senator W. B. Allison and of Judge Samuel F. Miller, all of which are prominently placed. She was an untiring worker, and perhaps because of the nervous strain under which her ambition sometimes led her to work, she was stricken with paralysis and died in October, 1890.



## MRS. AMELIA JENKS BLOOMER

Mrs. Amelia Jenks Bloomer, was a native of Cortland county, New York, but came to Council Bluffs to live in 1855. She was one of the pioneers in the Woman's Movement, having been associated with Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Abby Keller, Elizabeth Smith Miller, and others. In 1849 she established a paper which had for its object the advocating of temperance and equal suffrage. It is interesting to note that through all the history of the effort to gain suffrage for women, the cause of temperance has been advocated by the women. Mrs. Bloomer was a writer of merit and a brilliant speaker. For years she lectured for these two causes. In 1851 Elizabeth Smith Miller invented a new style of dress for women, a skirt which reached a little below the knees and wide Turkish trousers gathered at the ankle. Mrs. Miller was the first to wear the costume, Elizabeth Cady Stanton the second and Mrs. Bloomer the third. The costume was named for her because she advocated the dress reform in her paper, and the public drew the inference that she had invented it, so called it the "Bloomer costume." She was a clever woman and used the fame of the dress as an advertising medium for her paper, the subscription to which grew enormously. She was thereby able to reach many more people with her suffrage and temperance ideas. She was the second president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association, having been elected in 1871. She died in Council Bluffs, Dec. 30, 1894. Her husband, Dexter C. Bloomer, was a lawyer and journalist and was at one time mayor of that city. In 1895 he published "Life and Times of Amelia Bloomer." He was the author of a history of Pottawattomie county.

## MRS. MARGARET McDONALD STANTON

Margaret McDonald Stanton, teacher, member of the first faculty of the Iowa State College at Ames, was born in New Concord, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1845, and died at her home on the college campus, July 2, 1895. A teacher is not alone one who teaches the rule of three and the facts and dates of history but one who moulds character and gives to young people ideals. Margaret McDonald was educated in the public schools of Ohio, in the Muskingum College, and in the Young Ladies' Seminary in Mt. Pleasant, from which she graduated with honors. She taught in the public schools for several years, spending her vacations in the home of an educated French family, to improve her French. In 1871 she was elected to the chair of English and French in the State Agricultural College, as it was then called. Vocational schools were then an experiment and there were very few co-educational schools. Largely through her tact and wisdom did this co-educational college become popular and many girls came here to be educated. On Feby. 22, 1877, she was married to Prof. E. W. Stanton, and in 1879 resigned her position as teacher, to make a home. Four children were born to them, one died in infancy. Margaret Hall, on the campus, is named in her honor, as is also the beautiful campanile in which a chime of sweet toned bells sound the hours, and every day from the tower is played some hymn, bringing to mind the faith, the noble character, and the womanly graces of the woman whose life inspired the erection of this monument.

## MRS. WILLIAM OGLESBY GRIFFITH

Helen Sherman Griffith (Mrs. William Oglesby Griffith) is the youngest daughter of the late Major Hoyt Sherman, of Des Moines, Iowa, and a niece of General William T. Sherman. Her father came to Iowa in 1848, and was a prominent lawyer, banker, and financier of Des Moines. During the Civil War, by appointment of President Lincoln, he was pay-master, with the rank of Major. Hoyt Sherman Place, the woman's club house, was their old home. Mrs. Griffith had the habit of scribbling from her littlest girlhood, and occasionally was made blissful by having stories and sketches published in local papers and magazines. At the age of fourteen, when living with her married sister in Cincinnati, Ohio, she won a prize of \$50.00 for the best short story submitted by girls of that age, or younger, in the state of Ohio.

Miss Sherman was married in 1896 to William Oglesby Griffith, an Englishman on his father's side, but on his mother's side, a grandson of General Oglesby, of New Orleans. After a year abroad, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith returned to the United States and settled in Washington, moving later to Philadelphia, and it is since then that Mrs. Griffith has done most of her literary work, which consists principally of twenty-four plays for amateur performance, eight books for girls—six of them in a series known as the "Letty Books"—two novels and many short stories appearing at different times in various magazines. Of these, one was a prize story, "Some Crimes and a Thief." Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, with their four children, live at Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia, where Mrs. Griffith continues her literary work, being at present engaged upon the seventh of her "Letty Series."

## MRS. RACHEL J. WILSON ALBRIGHT

Rachel Wilson Albright, the grand-daughter of Betsy Ross who made the first United States flag, was born in Philadelphia, June 16, 1812, and died at her home in Ft. Madison, April 18, 1905, at the age of ninety-two years. Her daughter, Mrs. Kate Albright Robinson, the great-grand-daughter of Betsy Ross, still lives in Ft. Madison. Mrs. Albright, with her husband, came to Ft. Madison in the spring of 1841, bringing with them many family heirlooms, some of which are priceless. In the collection of furniture are two chairs, which were in Betsy Ross' parlor at 239 Arch St., Philadelphia, that morning in 1777, when George Washington and the committee appointed for the purpose, came to ask Betsy Ross to make the flag. We like to think that Geo. Washington sat on one of these chairs that memorable day. The design which George Washington brought had on it stars with six points. Betsy Ross, with her scissors, cut a five pointed star and suggested its use, which suggestion was accepted. Mrs. Robinson has also in her possession a work box made in 1837 for her aunt by Miss F. Key, an aunt of Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Albright, and later her daughter, made duplicates of the original flag made by Betsy Ross. Many of these flags are in the possession of Daughters of the American Revolution in Iowa and one is in the Historical Department in Des Moines. Mrs. Albright was very quaint and courtley in her manner, and seemed herself quite to belong to colonial times.

## MRS. ELIZABEH MARTIN

I haven't the faintest idea where she was born, or when, but I know in what village she spent her long, useful life, and on what hillside she lies buried. She lived in West Point Ia., for many years, where she taught in the primary grade of the public schools and later in a private school. She was a Presbyterian and a Sunday school teacher for forty years. In June, 1903, when she died, Mrs. Max Evans Garretson, wrote this memorial which was published: "The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, brings to a great many men and women, the memory of their first school days. Those lessons learned from books may have been forgotten, but the example of her sweet, pure life, the lessons taught us by her unselfishness and loving kindness have lived in our minds all these years, and I trust have borne fruit in the lives of every one of those little children. I have no doubt Grandmother's method of imparting knowledge would be laughed to scorn in these days of Froebel. I fancy the method of teaching fractions with the aid of apples and cookies for demonstration is not in use now. I am very sure no teacher today would permit the little children of her school to call her 'Grandmother.' Be that as it may, I know that in those days when she held a private school in the kitchen of her little brown house on the common, she laid as firm a foundation for an education as the most modern expert in child study. God, Himself, only knew the bitter sorrows of her life, but her countenance was always cheerful to her little friends. We who were taught by her may pay to her memory a daily tribute by living upright lives and by bearing life's ills with a brave spirit and a cheerful countenance."

## MISS FLORENCE ELIZABETH WARD

Miss Florence Elizabeth Ward, head of the kindergarten department, Iowa State Teachers' College, was born in Wisconsin and is the daughter of Lemuel J. Ward and Elizabeth Herrington. She is a graduate of the Chicago Kindergarten College in the class of 1903. She is one of the foremost kindergartners in this country. When the American Civic Association sent a commission to Great Britain and Europe to study primary schools, Miss Ward was appointed on the commission. In 1912 she went to Rome to study the Montessori method first hand. Since her return she has written a book, "Ten Practical Talks on the Montessori Method for Home, Kindergarten and Primary School," which was published by the MacMillan Co. of New York, and is considered one of the clearest expositions of the Montessori method yet published. She has delivered many lectures on primary and kindergarten subjects, child study, etc., before chautauquas, and teachers' associations, as well as before city audiences. She is a member of the Congregational church, is a member of the Propagation Committee of the International Kindergarten Union, member of the educational committee of the I. F. W. C., of the educational committee of the Iowa Society, D. A. R., is chairman of the educational committee, Iowa Congress of Mothers, chairman of the Iowa Department of school patrons of the National Educational Association, member of the educational committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a member of the Waterloo Woman's Club and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has contributed to many school journals and other school publications.

## MRS. ELBERT W. ROCKWOOD

Laura Clarke Rockwood, writer and lecturer, was born in Iowa City, which is still her home. She is a daughter of Charles Franklin Clarke and Julia Brown. Her father is a direct descendant of a brother of Benjamin Franklin. She is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, with the degrees B. Ph. and M. A.; a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She took post graduate work at Yale, Stoute Institute, and in Leipzig University, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. On March 21, 1894, she was married to Dr. Elbert W. Rockwood, professor of chemistry and toxicology of the State Univeristy of Iowa. They have two children,—Paul Redd Rockwood, and Alan Clarke Rockwood. She is a member of the Congregational church, is President of the N. N. Club, a local organization, active in the college sorority, Phi Beta Kappa, and president of the King's Daughters. She is special advisor of the household economics committee of the I. F. W. C., and is chairman of the state social service committee of King's Daughters. She is the author of "Food Preparation and its Relation to the Development of Efficient Personality in the Home," "Dignified Drudgery," and has contributed numerous articles on household topics to leading magazines and periodicals. She believes in the justice of equal suffrage but does not believe it is expedient. She is fond of society, music, and of everything out of doors. She is one of the exceptionally well educated women of Iowa, having had unusual advantages in this country and abroad, and having spent her life in the atmosphere of a university town.



## MRS. LEONARD MATLESS

Josephine Ingalls Matless was born in Keokuk, but in early childhood moved with her parents to Ft. Madison, where she lived until her marriage returning then to Keokuk which is her home. Her father, Charles John Ingalls, was descended from Edmund Ingalls, who came to Lynn, Mass., from Lincolnshire, Eng., in 1629. In early manhood Charles J. Ingalls was a professor of music in Boston where he was a director of choral societies and orchestras. Her mother was Lovinna Saxe, granddaughter of Jacob Saxe, of Saxe-Coburg, a hero of the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Matless received her early education in the schools of Ft. Madison. She studied vocal and instrumental music in Chicago and dramatic art from one of the leading teachers of Boston. For several years she taught school in Ft. Madison, at the same time keeping up her musical studies. On Jan'y. 9, 1894, she was married to Leonard Matless, of Keokuk, secretary of the Huiskamp Bros. Co. manufacturers of shoes. He is the son of Leonard and Matilda Gobel Matless, natives of England who came to Keokuk in 1853, and belongs to one of the oldest families in Keokuk. They have two children, Leonard Ingalls Matless and Ruth Ingalls Matless. Among Mrs. Matless' distinguished relatives are John J. Ingalls, the statesman and John G. Saxe the poet, lecturer and journalist, however, "Greatness is not an affair of station or birth or ability; its secret is service for the common good. The inventors, the statesmen, the thinkers, the discoverers, the writers whose names are among the immortals made their talents count for humanity's good." She fills a peculiar niche in Keokuk having a specially



helpful influence in the club, social and religious life of the young people. For several years she was superintendent of the Girls' Missionary society of the First Westminster Presbyterian church, to which she belongs. She is one of the assistant superintendents of the Bible school and has charge of all the special programs given during the year in the school. She teaches a class of young girls and supervises the music of the school. For several years she has been sponsor of the student's auxiliary of the Monday Music club and has planned their yearly programs. When a committee was appointed by a mass meeting of citizens to plan for the establishment of supervised public playgrounds, Mrs. Matless was the only woman appointed on the committee, being the representative of the Civic League. She is deeply interested in the welfare of the public schools and is secretary of the Parent Teachers' Association. In 1913, when because of a ward feeling which had been aroused on the question of the erection of public school buildings in Keokuk, a school bond election failed to carry and it seemed impossible to secure public consent for the erection of much needed school buildings, Mrs. Matless with remarkable generalship secured the necessary petition signatures and organized and commanded the campaign that was conducted in support of the bond issue, which was successfully carried. Mrs. Matless sang in the Presbyterian choir for many years, was president of the Woman's Home Missionary society and has contributed to missionary magazines. She is a member of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A., a member of the Civic League, Current Events Club, Country Club, and a director of the Monday Music club. She has written a number of cantatas

and plays which have been presented in Keokuk and elsewhere to audiences appreciative of their excellence but unconscious of their origin. Among her most prized possessions is a Cremona violin made in 1690 by Andreas Amati, a violin which has been played by the great artists, in many capitals of Europe. It is one of the few violins of that period in this country. Another possession is a fine old English harp which is a family heirloom.

## MRS. J. C. SANDERS

Laura Snider Sanders is doing a unique service for this state, in aiding her husband in his work of making men over, of changing the lives and the view-point of the hundreds of men whom the laws of Iowa give into his charge because they have violated those laws. She is the wife of the warden of the Iowa penitentiary at Ft. Madison who was the first man to try the honor system in a penitentiary. It had been tried to a limited degree in the reformatories and juvenile courts. That the plan has justified itself is proven by the prisoners who almost never break their faith with the warden; and by the records of the men who have left the prison by pardon or expiration of sentence; of these by far the larger per cent are leading straight and honorable lives. They have gone out with a different conception of duty and citizenship than they had before meeting warden Sanders and his wife.

Prison experts from all parts of the U. S. and some from abroad come to study warden Sanders' methods, and so prisoners everywhere are benefitting from his ideas and ideals. He began by making the prison itself more sanitary. He asked his wife to look into the housekeeping and to the food given the prisoners. Under her supervision many changes were made, the men now eat supper in the dining room instead of a bite in their hand taken to the cell. All that soap and water can do for the place was ordered and now it is clean and wholesome. She planned meals of good and well-cooked food. The kitchen dietary daily will excel any we ever scanned for so large a number of persons.

Fifty men were interviewed and found stolid and

stupid and wellnigh forgetting how to speak and think; they were gloomy and had many of them lost their identity. He ordered the men called by their names. To reawaken the minds of many of the men, who were somewhat competent, he organized a debating and literary society which meets regularly each week and has proven a great factor in keeping up the mental life of the prisoners. A regular Lyceum lecture course was established, this Iowa prison being the first penal institution in the world to have a full lecture course of platform speakers and entertainers. Saturday afternoon after the labor hours of the week are over the men are allowed a game of base ball. This alone goes a long way in the matter of good discipline as only those who have a clean record for the week are entitled to the privilege of the yard games.

Mrs. Sanders is a firm believer in the open policy, as it is called, at the Iowa prison. It came about in this way: One day the warden was in the hospital and said to an inmate there who had a pretty bad record, "What would you do, James, if I gave you a job outside the walls?" "I'd run like hell, warden," This was a disappointing reply, to the man who had wished for months that he dared try putting men on their honor outside the walls. At the end of the week the prisoner left the hospital, but asked the privilege of speaking to the warden, and said, "I have been thinking over the answer that I gave you a few days ago, warden; of course I know you did not mean to give me a job outside, but I want to tell you now, that if you trusted me enough to give me a job outside the walls, and without a guard, I'll cut off my right hand before I'll do you dirt, in trying to run away." So he experimented with this man, and let

him take the cow to a pasture two miles away, every day, and to care for the lawn around the warden's house. The man never for a moment broke faith. This led to the full persuasion to give other prisoners the same chance. Picking his men carefully he applied the honor system to one and another until now on many a day there are from 150 to 200 men working outside the walls with guards or overseers, who go unarmed. The prisoners cultivate 700 acres of land. All of this has been brought about in six years.

The warden and his wife have thus earned the confidence of the State Board of Control, and of the thinking citizens of the state, and the respect and devotion of the prisoners in their care.

Mrs. Sanders was born in Kilbourne City, Wis., near the dells of the Wisconsin river, the daughter of Henry Randolph and Eliza Christy Snider. Since her marriage she has lived in Iowa. In the church and social life of every city, where they have lived until coming to the warden's position, she has been a real factor and a great help. As a family they are church people, being communicants of the Presbyterian church in Ft. Madison. She is a prominent member of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and a past matron of the Eastern Star order; besides at other times identified with the Federated Woman's Clubs of the state. Her inspiration, encouragement and faith have entered into all the work which has been done by that very unusual man, her husband.

## MRS. FRANK WALCOTT WEBSTER

Mrs. Louise Rhine Webster was born in Hartford, Iowa, daughter of Joshua Wilson Rhine and Malinda Wilson. Her grandfather, John Rhine, was one of Washington's life guards. She was educated in the Indianola schools, at Ackworth Academy and in Drake University. For several years she taught in the public schools of Des Moines. On March 31, 1891 she was married in Des Moines to Frank Walcott Webster, a descendant of Henry Walcott, through Wm. Bradford to the Rev. John Walcott, colonial governor of Connecticut. They have three children, Frank Rhine Walcott Webster, Louise Walcott Webster, and Theodore Walcott Webster. Mrs. Webster belongs to the Disciples' church, University Place, to the Des Moines Women's Club, a member of the board of management and chairman of the art committee, to Abigail Adams Chapter D. A. R., of which she has been vice-regent and secretary. She organized the Beacon Hill Chapter, Children of the American Revolution, having fifty members and was the president two years. She has served as chairman of state D. A. R. committees, is a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society, Des Moines Musical Association, Unity Circle, Equal Suffrage League, was president of the Des Moines Federation of Women's Clubs, 1913-14. She is now chairman of the school of methods for the Iowa Suffrage Association and has made many addresses in the state along this line. She has contributed to periodicals and magazines, for some time being a department editor. She is the author of many verses which have been published, some of which have been set to music. She is a woman of much ability and many talents.

## MRS. GRACE WILBUR TROUT

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, the woman who is said to have done more to bring equal suffrage to Illinois than any other woman in that state, was born in Iowa, educated in the schools of Iowa and lived here until after her marriage. Her public work having been for the greater part done since moving to Chicago, her name is associated with the activities of Illinois women. She was born in Maquoketa and attended the public schools there. She was married in Maquoketa to George W. Trout and lived there for several years after their marriage. She is the mother of three sons, the youngest of whom died in 1912, at the age of twenty-one. A number of years ago she made a study of Mormonism, in its religious, social and political phases and as a result of that study wrote a book "A Mormon Wife." She is a lecturer of marked ability and has lectured in eight different states on the chautauqua platform and before clubs and city audiences. Her best known lectures are Suffrage from an American Woman's Standpoint and The English Novel as a Social Protest. She is state president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association and led the campaign in Springfield which brought equal suffrage to Illinois in 1913. She is president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ashland Club of Chicago, a member of the West End Woman's Club, of the Chicago Woman's Club, of the Chicago chapter D. A. R., and was president of the Chicago Political Equality League 1911-12. Her home is at 434 Forest Ave, 'Oak Park, Chicago.

## MISS JULIA E. OFFICER

Julia E. Officer, musician, was born in Council Bluffs, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Mills Pusey Officer, who came to Iowa in 1856, both descended from pioneer Pennsylvania families. She was graduated from the college for women at Rockford, Ill., with the degree B. A. She was also graduated from the musical department of that college with the degree B. M. She took post-graduate work in music in Boston and Chicago. She has appeared as concert pianist in many cities. She was a teacher of piano in Chicago, Omaha and Council Bluffs, having also been pipe organist in prominent churches of these cities. During her residence in Chicago she was a member of the Apollo Musical Club. During the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha, she was manager of the musical features of the exposition, and of the musical festival. For three years she was director of the choir in the First Presbyterian church of Council Bluffs. She is interested in athletics for boys and girls. She was prominent in promoting public supervised playgrounds. At her own expense she brought a number of celebrated speakers to lecture on the subject. She has made a valuable collection of historical pictures of pioneer days of Council Bluffs, which she presented to the public library. One is a picture of Abraham Lincoln in 1859 on his visit to Council Bluffs, when he determined that that city should be the eastern terminus of the U. P. R. R. She is a charter member of the first literary woman's club of Council Bluffs, president of the first woman's musical club of Omaha and Council Bluffs.



## REV. MARION MURDOCH

Marion Murdock, Unitarian minister, was born in Granaville, Iowa, Oct. 9, 1853. She is the daughter of Samuel and Eliza Pach Murdock, Iowa pioneers. She received her classical education in the Boston University. She studied for the ministry at the Meadville Theological school, from which she was graduated with the degree B. D. She took post-graduate work at the Oxford University. For five years she was minister of the Unitarian church at Humboldt and exerted a marked influence on the schools and social life of that town. For six years she was pastor of a church in Cleveland, O. At the end of her ministry in Cleveland she became a supply and missionary minister, in that capacity she has visited all parts of the United States. She spent a year in Europe studying art, and has been an art and literature leader and teacher in clubs and classes in various cities. She is a writer of both prose and poetry and has contributed to many periodicals. She is president of the League of Women in the Ministry, is a member of the Drama League of America. She was one of the speakers at the Parliament of Religions held in Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition, the subject of her address was "What Did Phoebe Do?" and was published in Dr. Barrow's book on the parliament. She is an arts and crafts worker and is a specialist in bird study. Her home is at 9 Warland Str., Cambridge, Mass.

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